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### Sketch

# Patriots rally for oysters and beer



John Duncan

F'THE oyster is your world then Harrods yesterday was your cup of chilled cham-pagne as the oysterati gathered for the blue riband event of the seafood Olympics, the Oyster Opening Champion-

ship. Well, actually, this was just the British end of things. The winner yesterday out of the eight carefully selected con-testants from London's better restaurants would be entitled to travel to Galway at the end of this month for the world championships, long renowned as one of the seafood world's greatest piss-ups a boisterous and oysterous cel ebration, three days of oysters and Guinness attended by

about 2,000 people. "I thought I would pop down one year," said an eminent sports writer who, to protect the guilty, did not want to be named, "and all I remember is waking up on a pub floor the day after the final surrounded by comatose waiters and oyster people." The copy got through, but the punctuation was pickled.

The technical term for the oyster boys is in fact a shucker and the new British champion is Armando Lema, originally from Galicia but now a mother of a shucker at Green's restaurant.

'Tve won it four times before," said Mr Lema, whose winning feat was to open 30 oysters in 3min 36sec, "but I can't wait to get to Galway. I would recommend it to anyone. There's oysters and music and great people and Guinness, which is possibly why I haven't won (the world title) in the past. The Guin-

ness is too good. "A lot of the others arrive there with knives that make you think they have come to skin cows. They really take it seriously." So did yesterday's organis-

ers, Tabasco. They had sup-plied fresh Irish oysters gath-

judges waited in a locked room to study the plates to ensure that corners had not been cut and that the proper rules of presentation of flesh were adbered to. Mr Lema's best time, 2min 51sec, is within shucking dis-tance of the usual winning time and he travels with the

ered that morning and flown in from Rossmore. A set of

high hopes of a nation. Well, of Buckinghamshire anyway. That is where British

oyster opening's official fans are based, with the Sid and Doris Bonkers role played by Graham Young and Tony Symes, near neighbours from Iver who founded their club, The Rabble, in Galway after a few pints during their first visit to the worlds.

visit to the worlds. No crusty crustacean fetish ists these. "The French, Ital-ians, Australians were all there and they had flags." said Mr Young. "So we decided that we would get organised. There will be about 25 of us there this Sertember "

there this September." Their supporters club, called The Rabble, has Tshirts, a slogan in French and English, and even a newsletter, the catchy Bi-Valve Bugle In fact this has been a busy couple of days for competitive

foodies "You should have been at Hays Galeria yesterday," said David C Butcher, the superin-tendent of Billingsgate Mar-ket, who was a timekeeper yesterday. "We had the com-petitions for fish filleting and poultry gutting. There were a couple of hundred trade there and even the public were finding themselves glued to it. The theatre of food is so important. What we have to

get rid of is this idea of food as omething pre-packaged and

empty." It had been a hard day for the foodie bandwagon, which had trundled to Harrods from had brundled to Harrods from the launch of Carlton televi-sion's Food Channel earlier that day. "Mmmm how are you, dashling? Were you at Carlton?" asked one restaura-teur, stripe shirt, blazer, red handkerchief in pocket. "Mmmm lowely brooch lef "Mmmm, lovely brooch, let

me have a closer look. Gaawwwwjus. See you later." "So who was he, then?" "No idea, daahling. He only wanted a gawp at the cleavage, the old luw. Only thing worth hobbing at down there. He looking at down there. Ha, ha,

David Ward

ha. More champagne?

This is the first children's hospital built in Britain this century. It cost the NHS £15 million. Soon it may have to close.



100 years of inertia

going on Parents and child the new building. He was

dren were interviewed as part | brought in with a arm at the

service.

A PART from Derby, new Achildren's hospitals are planned in Birmingham district general hospitals (DGHs). At the same time, the number of children and Bristol in what looks like a frenzy of building admitted as in-patients was falling. Operations such as tonsils removal are far less work compared with the inactivity of the past 100 years, writes David Brindle. common. Surgery is increasingly performed as However, experts say this loes not signal a return to day case

HOTOGRAPHS: Don McPHE

Keith Dodd, honorary the fashion for free-stand-ing children's bospitals. secretary of the College of Paedistrics and Child The reasons no others have Health, said that while the been built for a century in England will continue to dictate policy. Most children's hospitals new hospital in Derby remained self-contained, it was moving to the general hospital site. "We have super facilities, but we also have the back-up of a DGH were built by the Victorians through philanthropy and

public subscription. Typi-cally, Derby's started as a six-bed unit in a converted - the surgeons, anaesth tists, all the support services on one site.

Except the very large children's hospitals such as house and was expanded stx years later into the hospital that served the city for more than 100 years. Great Ormond Street in London, and Alder Hey in Liverpool, the future for The vogue for children's the remainder will increase hospitals receded as doctors realised they needed ingly be as close access to the special-ist skills and equipment in general units. ingly be as departments within, or alongside, large

old hospital on Sunday, the day it closed after 113 years of

"It's a bit like a fairy tale."

said Chris Nelson, a consul-tant paediatrician with seven

dwarfs on his tie. "I have

never come across anything

like this. My colleagues' jaws

drop when they see it. It has been designed for its purpose

rather than shoehorned into an existing building."

Parents can remain with

their children during their

hospital stay, sleeping by their side on fold-down chairs

or in separate bedrooms. The

oncology suite has three self-contained flatlets where

parents can live with their

The Guardian Tuesday September 3 1996



Derby's new children's hospital, designed in consultation with parents and children to suggest fun rather than pain, may fall victim to spending cuts

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#### Review

# Feel good, and that's an order

#### Stuart Jeffries

#### The Big Breakfast/Daytime on - the new s

HE Big Breakfast (C4) has had an image rethink. Thankfully they've kept the intellectual core — Zig and Zag, puppets with expressive faces and dayglo pom-poms for anten-nae. But gone are the Victorian lock keepers' cottages in which the show used to be filmed, replaced by a sub-Le Corbusier conversion bland, blonde, sunny, with long, cool lines. Just like Sharron Davies, but probably

cheaper. Davies, hired at £500,000 to fill Zoe Ball's shoes, was our guide. She showed us around the house - kitchen, living room, and, unexpectedly, a library (books shelved accord ing to spine colours). And now the news: Kim

Wilde is starting her first day as a married woman! She's vowed to swap showbiz for motherhood, but promises t be back on stage by Friday!

And now over to the telly-copter. Where are you Denise? "Neucastie!" should Denise, as though it was one of Saturn's moons. If only they had turned off the engine for a minute, we could have heard her side of the conversation.

After that exchange, it was back to the studio, where Davies played sidekick to Rick Adams, former host of some ITV kids' show. He was very, very excited, and why not? At nine o'clock he had to start a new school term. "Were you in Planet Of The Apes?" he asked showbiz guest Andie MacDowell. "No, of course,

new policy to test staff for drugs

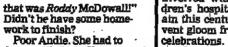
factor.

#### Duncan Campbell **Crime Correspondent**

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be picked out at random once a year. And any officer or staff member whose perfor-POLICE officers will face random drug tests for the mance at work indicates he or first time in Britain, under a she might be abusing drugs or drink will be tested. Medical policy announced yesterday by Grampian Police.

officers will test for illegal All recruits to the Gram-pian force will have to take a drugs such as amphetamine cannabis (which remains in test before being accepted, the system for up to a month) and from later this year one and cocaine.



dance with Rick, Sharron and Vanessa Feltz. Rick put his arms round her, and she smiled the smile which said: Your lawyers! My lawyers! In the kitchen! Now!" Then she joined Vanessa on hideously upholstered chaises longues chairman. "You look so much like your-self! You look brilliant!" bawled Vanessa.

And now the tellycopter. "Good morning! I'm hovering over Neucastie!" Noel Gallagher then gave an exclusive interview. "We just want people to have a good time, you know! Forget what's on the telly, forget Bosnia, you know!" Noel, baby, when Rick's at school would you, you know, fill in? You're just the guy for the job! Richard and Judy have

wapped Liverpool's Albert Dock for a Thames-side studio and very lemony upholstery for the new season of This Morning (ITV).

in 10 of the force's 1,100 offi-

cers and 500 civilian staff will

Their first guest was Racquel, who's leaving Corona-tion Street to make a "feelgood, family drama" about district nurses. Which is really great! BBC1's new-look daytime

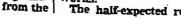
schedule, which replaced Anne and Nick with an intel ectually insulting, consume ist nightmare, also relentessly upbeat as though its air was to compensate for a national shortage of tranquil-lisers. John Leslie introduced Style Challenge with: "The show with the feelgood, and definitely, the lookgood

Feel good - the fascistic injunction of daytime TV.

> Robert the Bruce . . . not have been granted a coronary crypt at the 12th cen

Good taste and hygiene restrained Historic Scotland staff from penetrating the leaden shroud in which the lump of mummified

muscle is encased. The victor of Bannockburn died from leprosy, or possibly syphilis, so the archaeo-carpenters donned overalls, gloves and face masks to extract what looked like a 12in high me-



tals and tries to decide how to cut costs and end duplication. IAM BARRY, aged South Derbyshire Health Auseven, flew in by helithority is concerned that it is clare open Derby's new £17 spending £5 million more each year on acute hospital services than other authorimillion children's hospital which could be closed by the local health authority in ties in the Trent region, and is getting less activity for its

acute services in local hospi-

November. Health officials, proud to be involved with the first chil-dren's hospital built in Brit-It has proposed four options for public consultation to try to end duplication of services ain this century, tried to pre-vent gloom from clouding the by Derby City General (site of the new children's hospital) and Derby Royal Infirmary.

"We at the Derby City Gen-eral Hospital NHS Trust are confident that full use will be The first would be to retain both sites, with some "down-sizing"; the second and third would centralise services at made of the new hospital, and one of the present sites; the fourth would be to build a we are totally optimistic about its future," said Norman Woods, the trust's new hospital on a greenfield

But that future is uncertain Brian Blissett, the health authority's chief executive, as the South Derbyshire Health Authority reviews described the last as unlikely,

## Robert the Bruce's heart surrenders to hacksaws

Erlend Clouston

**P**ATRIOTIC pulses beat a little faster in Scotland yesterday as the vital organ of a national hero made a veiled appearance on a laboratory table. Under the glare of televi-sion spotlights, the heart of Robert the Bruce, which spent much of the early 14th century eluding English broadswords, sur-rendered tamely to the respectful backsaws of His-toric Scotland conservators. The 160-minute operation, witnessed anxiously by the Chief Inspector of Ancient Monuments, followed last week's discovery at Melrose Abbey of a

beart-sized container. As Bruce, Scotland's monarch from 1306 to 1829, is the only man known to

likely to face DNA tests official biscuit tin in which an earlier excavation team

had rehoused the relic in 1921. There was momentary excitement when the initial fibrescope examination revealed the presence of a folded piece of white parchment. Hopes that this might be a message from beyond

Works. dieval traffic cone from the

The half-expected re-dis-



#### Liam and James Barry, stars of the opening ceremony

companies. Friends said he

The suspended funds were

sonal pressure recently.

panies, unquoted on any ing stock market.

but agreed that the new hospi- | torian children's hospital two tal was threatened by one of miles away, did not let this the remaining options. prospect spoil his big day as he drove a model car through "Of course the health authority and the trusts will a paper barrier into the colwant to ensure that they ourful entrance hall of its retain, where possible, new replacement, where a foundevelopments on both sites tain plays near the reception But the authority has to take a long-term view," Mr Blissett Like those in Ladybird, Puf-

fin and Sunflower wards, the said. Liam, a regular patient since birth at the old Vicdesk is child-high, enabling young patients to see what is

## continued from page 1 known as an investment "risk-taker", with a penchant for shares in high technology

covery has been a mixed blessing for Historic Scotland's excavators. On top of overshadowing more ar-chaeologically-significant work at the abbey, it has made the government de-partment sensitive to possible charges of grave-rob-bing. Officals stressed yesterday that there would be no attempt to clone a new King Robert from DNA scrapings and that the heart would be re-buried decorously at Melrose in

the spring. A non-metallic coffin is likely so that, in the words of the Historic Scotland spokesman, "no one with a metal detector or spade can dig it up". The heart has had an ex-

citing history. After helping expel the English from Scotland, it was, at its late owner's request, carried into battle against the Saracens by Lord James Douglas. The 14th century historian, John Barbour, records how the crusader hurled his royal trophy at the heathen with the words: "Now pass thou forth in front as thou wast wont to do in battle, and I shall follow, or else die."

When Douglas did die, cut off by the Saracens the grave, or even a trea-sure hunt clue, were dashed when it turned out heart was brought back to to contain a copper calling card from the Ministry of Melrose by a Scottish knight whose broken arm had forced him miss the battle.

smiling bears, ducks and tor-toises plus an infinite number of ladybirds. children for several weeks. The adolescent unit has its "This is a beautiful place," The adolescent unit has its said Rhiannon Gray, mother own games room, and ter-of 18-month-old Jordan, who races and courtyards offer was exploring the carpets of fresh air. Leading City firm probes 'irregularities' Management said the investigation will focus on unquoted stocks held by the portfolios of all three funds. It is understood no more than 10 per cent of the total value of the had been under intense perfunds is at risk, and the company has pledged to compen sate investors for any losses. A spokesman said it was not possible to say how long the investigation would take or when dealings in the three

of the design process and have been rewarded with

swirling floors, varied cell-

ings and two Loch Ness

The NHS gave £15 million

but the people of Derby,

through the Kite Appeal

chipped in £1.5 million to pro

vide specialist equipment and create an environment which

suggests fun rather than pain. Every ward entrance has a play area with books and

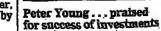
toys; curtains round the 72

beds are vibrant; one waiting area is in the form of a boat;

and a mural in Ladybird ward

shows a garden scene with

unit trusts might be resumed In the meantime, investor

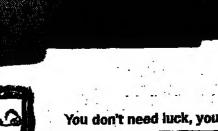


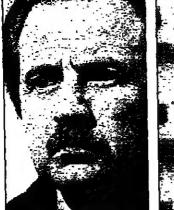
heavy investors in the UK's leading biotechnology drug company, British Biotechnol-ogy, and the Scandinavian telephones group, Nokia. However, the possible irregu-larities are said to involve will be unable to liquidate investments in private comtheir investments. However, lead-"any liabilities will be met by Morgan Grenfell Asset the group".

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As veterans of the 1960s Bolivian rebellion accuse their former friend **Fidel Castro** of betraying the guerrilla hero, Cuba and Che's daughter are hitting back



Paul Webster on a Latin skirmish

Régis Debray (top left), and Aleida Guevara standing in front of the f

# Old comrades trade insults over Che

EGIS DEBRAY and Dariel Alarcon Ramirez, two rare survivors of Che Gue-survivors of Che Gue-survivors of Che Guevara's 1960s Bolivian rebel-lion, have publicly turned against their former Cuban backer and friend Fidel Castro, opening up 28-year-old wounds with accusations of

treachery by Havana. Cuba has in turn accused Mr Debray, who was jailed and tortured by the Bolivian army, of betraying Che. It has also denounced him as a "traitor" for encouraging an exiled Cuban resistance movement of which Mr Ramirez — better known as Benigno - is a leader.

Havana's condemnation statement to the newspaper Le Monde saying he had writ came after the two men published books describing Dr ten enough about the rebel-lion in La Guérilla du Che in Castro's regime as Stalinist and claiming that he had abandoned the rebels to their 1974 not to have to justify his behaviour in prison "every time it suits Havana to spit on fate in 1967 Mr Debray opened the war

"This fall from grace does not justify the American em-bargo which ... I condemn," Mr Debray said. "For my part ... I have put a full stop to was cantured and shot by a this political period (in Bo-livia) but these insults will not make me forget its Bolivian army firing squad in October 1967. Ms Guevara was aged six at the time. "He was never really Che's companion," she said. "It's sad that a man like Régis Denobility. Referring to official Cuban accusations that he was a

bray, so linked to commu-nism and the socialist movetraitor, Mr Debray said he was being attacked because of ment, should pass suddenly and totally to the other side." the absurd suspicion that he had encouraged resistance and was responsible for the defection of Benigno. Yet both men have been at Yesterday, Mr Debray, whose political conversions have included belated admiodds with the regime since ration for Charles de Gaulle and disillusionment with the late Socialist president, Franthe execution in 1989 of four cois Mitterrand, issued a

of Dr Castro's closest asso ciztes, including Tony de la Guardia, a friend of Mr Mr Ramires Benigno described Ms Guevara's

attack on Mr Debray as "new proof of the cynical Stalinism state. which has taken hold of a rev-

"The best schools managed to sound welcoming, but the worst almost implied that parents were an unavoidable

inconvenience." However, blaming individ-ual schools was not enough, Mr Cullum said: "Local edu-

cation authorities should take responsibility for keeping tabs on whether prospectuses and governors' annual

reports comply with legal

requirements." The survey was conducted

earlier this year by Consum-ers' Association researchers,

posing as parents. Other prob-lems revealed by the report included illegible typefaces, jargon and legalistic

The Consumers' Associa-tion survey included exam-ples of good and bad gover-no.3' reports. One uninviting example read: "We are penulication provide a written

required to provide a written report which is attached to this letter. Some aspects of

the report are a mandatory

of parents very highly."

Row over pupil, page 5



FIDEL CASTRO was born in 1927 in Cuba. He had a

law practice in Bavana be-fore launching the guerrilla struggle against the Batista regime in 1953. Sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, he concluded his defence with the words: "Ristory will ab solve me." Exiled in 1955. he returned in 1956 with a small band of fighters. After

the revolution in January 1959 he became prime min-ister and later president. When the United States im posed a trade embargo, Cas tro aligned Caba with the

Soviet Union, and is currently the world's second ving be

where he met Castro in 1955, and joined the group that led the Cuban revoluhuman rights move his admiration for De Gaulle, his disillusion tion. Castro appointed him industry minister but he with Castro.

left Cuba in 1965 to foment international revolution. He died leading an ill-fated guerrille column in Bolivia in October 1967.

ALEIDA GUEVARA was born in 1961, the child of Che's first wife. The family was left behind in Cuba when he left first for Zaire, then for Bolivia, Aleida was educated in Havana, trained as a doctor, and be

came a pediatrician. Close to Castro, she volunteered to work in Angola during the war with South Africa.

REGIS DEBRAY, born in 1940, is one of France's most controversial intellectuals. He made a spectacular political conversion to midlife.

He made his renutation as

made to ensure that the Uni

son motion is defeated if it, reaches the congress floor. A minimum wage of £4.26 an hour would affect 28 per

cent of the working popula-

tion, and the TUC leadership believes the Government

would respond to such a claim with a concerted cam-

would assert that any benefits would assert that any benefits would be outweighed by hun-dreds of thousands of job

losses and the inflationary impact of attempts to restore

wage differentials. Mr Monks argues that the

minimum wage is a popular policy and will help Labour's

electoral chances by offering a solution to job insecurity.

A solution to job insectivity. However, in private he is ar-guing that a voke for \$4.28 an hour could undertaine public support for the concept. The Communication Work-ers' Union strike committee will meet invacement to threach

will meet tomorrow to thrash out its next moves in the postal dispute after yester-day's 24-hour strike shut

ter written in March 1983 by Guy Legras, the head of the commission's agriculture di-rectorate, to his Italian colbut aliensted the left, with then head of the internal mar-ket directorate responsible

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for a committee on foodstuffs. DARTEL ALARCONRA-In it Mr Legras warns of the risk of causing a consumer panie. "All discussion of BSE inevitably causes problems in MIREZ was born in 1941 and at the time of the revolution was a peasant-turned guerrilla, aged 17. He was one of only six to survive the Bolivian army ambush which led to Che's the meat market. Last January we had an alarm following a programme on German blevision and it was death in 1967. As a military officer he served in Cuba's interventions in Africa in only due to our prudence and discretion at that time that we avoided a panic .... the 1970s and trained thousands of guerrillas, mainly from Latin America and Af-"In order to maintain pub-lic confidence it is essential not to provoke a reopening of rica. As head of presidential the debate. If you can help me it would therefore be prudent ecurity he averted numer-us assassination attempts 008.36 against Castro, as well as overseeing and the Cuban prison system. He retired in to avoid a discussion in the scientific committees."

Mr Perissich replied; "It looks difficult to avoid all aci-1993, moving to France last September. In The Life and entific debate on the question. Death of the Cuban Revoluat the European level, know-

**EC** hushed up the BSE scandal for five years Mr Legras's predecessor, the Spaniard Fernando Mansito,

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was warning the member

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to publish the results of its scientific research, saying "it would be bettar to minimise

BSE by practising disinfor-mation. It would be better to

Pates in Brussels

N OFFICIAL cover-up of the BSE scandal states' chief veterinary offi-cers at a meeting, according to the minutes: "It is necesby the European Commission emerged sary to have a cold attitude in in Brussels yesterday, over-shadowing the start of an inquiry by the European Parlia-ment into the handling of this market. BSE ought not to fig-ure on the agenda." It was suggested then in a memorandum by a French official, Gilbert Castille, that the UK ought to be asked not

year's beef panic. Documents disclosed by the French newspaper Libération show that senior commission anow that sector they tried to officials desperately tried to prevent publicity about BSE leaking out for five years in order to stave of consumer alarm and maintain the stability of the meat market. Phillip Whitehead, the

say that the Press has a ten-dency to exaggerate". Other documents between officials during the period Labour MEP for Staffordshire East and Derby, who is a member of the inquiry com-mittee, said: "We will be lookalso warn against opening up a. public debate. A British ing at the extent to which there was a misguided operacommission official was asked to include a paragraph in a letter to the German gov-ernment in October 1993 on tion to fob the public off. There seems to have been a very shaky line between mass panic and legitimats conthe political risks of mounting a public debate: "The af-fair has caused plenty of Inter concerns The documents noise and led to much day which

were not disowned by the commission yesterday - in-dicate that far from Tory Eurat the consumer level." In London, the Ministry of osceptic claims that Europ anged up on Britain when Documents show the crisis erupted last March, the orisis erupted last March, the opposite is true and offi-cials in Brussels tried to hush up the BSE epidemic to pro-tect farmers. Among the documents with

the desire to prevent the public

Among the documents pub-lished by Libération is a letbeing informed

of the dangers'

Agriculture and government sources declined to comment eague Ricardo Perissich. on the disclosures on the grounds that they wate pri-vate commission matters, but said that Britain would co-operate fully with the European

Parliament's inquiry. Philippe de Villiers, a French Surosceptic member of Sir James Goldsmith's L'Autre Europe grouping in the Parliament, threatened to initiate legal action, adding: "The documents demonstrate the desire of the commission to prevent at any cost the public being informed of the dan-

gers of BSE." The commission's chief spokesman, Klaus Van der Pas, said it would make all documents available to a committee of MEPs who today begin an investigation into the handling of the BSE crisis. Asked whether Mr Legras

words with his book Praise he Our Lords. This has now been followed by Mr Ramir-ez's volume. The Life and Death of the Cuban Revolu-

tion, written from his refuge in Paris. In the ensuing verbal skir-

mish, Che's daughter, Aleida Guevara, who is married to a member of the Cuban secuthat Cuba's police state had become its own caricature.

its old friends". olution which I loved and He accused Ms Guevara of served when it was still a being under Dr Castro's revoluti orders when she attacked him "With its infamous and in an interview in Clarin, a imagined accusations, Casnewspaper in Argentina, Che's native country. De-nouncing Havana's "Stalin-

tro's regime is eluding precise questions: Why were we abandoned to our fate in Bo-livia? In my book I have given ist" tactics. Mr Debray added some concrete reasons and I can continue to do so."

**ERNESTO "CHE" GUE** VARA was born to wealthy parents in Argentina in 1928. As a young medical student he toured South America on a 1930s Norton

Larry Elliott and Soumas Miline

HE TUC leadership was

last night trying to de-fuse an impending row over the minimum wage

ahead of next week's confer-ence by promising that its opening bid for low paid workers under a Labour gov-

ernment would be for a

Fearful of a Conservative

Fearful of a Conservative campaign over the costs of the \$4.25 minimum proposed by the public sector union Uni-son, TUC general secretary John Monks is seeking a com-promise in Blackpool that will satisfy the left without embarrassing Labour. Mr Monks will tell Thurs-day's meeting of the TUC gen-eral council that the unions

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eral council that the unions should be aiming for 24 an hour if the low pay countis-sion promised by Labour is set up after the election. The final figure would be arrived

at only after representations by the CBI — which would be proposing a figure closer to £3 — and from academics.

However, Mr Monks will

national floor of \$4 an hour.

500cc motorcycle. In 1954 he went to Gustemala to join the newly elected left-wing regime. After the CIA coup he fied to Mexico

Monks urges £4

basic pay target

man of the left with travels in Latin America when still a student. He became Mitterand's Latin American adviser in 1981 and a senior presidential aide, but resigned during the second term. He subsequently worked closely with Dan-ielle Mitterrand in her

tion he ad tiro of in stituting a Stalinist dicta-torship and says he "can't be completely sure" Castro ordered Guevara's death.

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## **Schools 'breaking law** on informing parents'

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About a quarter of the

### John Carvel Education Editor

According to the report, common omissions from gov-ernors' reports included: exam results and national curriculum test assessments

OST schools are flout-ing their legal obliga-tion to give parents the basic information they need to make important deci-sions about their children's education, the Consumers' absence rates; school leaver destinations; who the gover-nors were and when they met; how much they claimed in ex-penses; and when the next annual meeting and elections Association warned yester day after a survey of prospec tuses and governors' annual reports.

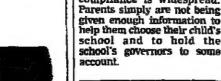
secondary schools in the sample failed to mention any-From a representative sample of 80 primary and secondary schools, only one gave all the information stipulated in the Government's parents' charter. "A stagger-ing 130 of the 141 documents received did not meet the legal requirements," the

ciation said.

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thing about the cost of field trips, music lessons and other extras pupils might want. Al-most half of them did not include all the information they were required to give on admissions. Other schools failed to explain how parents could visit the school, and did not pro-

vide information on sex edu-cation, collective worship or any provision for children with special educational needs. "Our findings are ex-tremely disappointing," said Philip Cullum, the associa-tion's policy manager. "Non-compliance is widespread.



"What on earth do you think you're up to talking to that evil screw from Brixton Prison? You're meant to be glad to have seen the back of people like that". It was a fact Neil Kinnock looked remarkably

like a Brixton screw . . .

Howard Marks, G2 cover story

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down the service for the eighth time since June. Royal Mail last night again claimed that support for the union was crumbling, although its own figures showed more

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Union future is in mutual ction, page 9

One more acceptable report, however, read: "We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the meeting, and hearing their thoughts about the school We value the continues press for the TUC not to lock itself into a fixed negotiating stance up to 18 months before school. We value the opinions than 100,000 were on strike. a minimum wage could ap-pear on the statute book. Frantic efforts are being

### **4 BRITAIN**

#### News in brief

### **Missing boy found** drowned on beach

POLICE last night said the body of a boy found drowned on a beach at Sheringham, north Norfolk, on Sunday had been formally identified as that of four-year-old Tom Loughlin, who vanished from a beach 30 miles away with his six-year-old sister, Jodi, two weeks ago.

Jodi's body was found on a beach between Sheringham and nearby Weybourne last week, and tests showed she drowned. The two children were last seen running excitedly toward the

beach at Holme, near Hunstanton, Norfoix, on Sunday, August 18, a day after beginning their holiday. Neither could swim. Their parents, Kevin Loughlin and Lynette Thornton, both 37 and from Norwood, south London, have remained in Norfolk

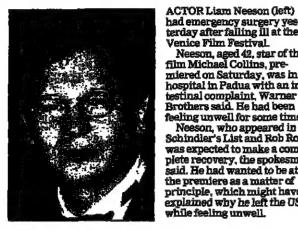
since the tragedy. Mr Loughlin, a computer consultant, and Ms Thornton, a physiotherapist, said they had only taken their eyes off the children for five minutes, and could not believe they had drowned in such short a time when the sea was so calm. A massive land and sea search had falled to find any trace of the children.

#### Six-death road crash plea

WITNESSES are being urgently sought by police who are baffled over the cause of a road accident near Frome in Somerset early on Sunday morning in which six young people died returning from the nearby One World pop festival.

the nearby One World pop festival. Avon and Somerset police are hoping roadside witnesses, possibly including people leaving the festival, might help solve the mystery of why the youngsters' car crossed the single car-riageway into the path of an oncoming van before hitting two 18-year-old men walking on the grass verge — one of whom was last night still in a critical condition in hospital. His companion, and a man and woman in the van, were also detained in hospital with minor injuries. minor injuries.

Among the dead were two grandchildren of first world war poet Siegfried Sassoon — Tom Sassoon, 18, and his sister Isobel, 20, Stegried Sasson — from Sasson, in and his sister isoter, ar, from Frome. The other victims were isobel's boyfried Stephen Stokes, 22, and Melanie France, 21, both from Frome, and Christo-pher Ashton, 19, and Charles Weale, 31, from Salisbury. An inquest into their deaths will be opened at Wells on Thursday.



had emergency surgery yes-terday after failing ill at the Venice Film Festival. Neeson, aged 42, star of the film Michael Collins, prefilm Michael Collins, pre-miered on Saturday, was in hospital in Padua with an in-testinal complaint, Warner Brothers said. He had been feeling unwell for some time. Neeson, who appeared in Schindler's List and Rob Roy, was expected to make a comwas expected to make a complete recovery, the spokesmar said. He had wanted to be at the premiere as a matter of principle, which might have explained why he left the US while feeling unwell.

#### **Doctor jailed for pistol threat**

A DOCTOR who held a starting pistol to the throat of a car passenger in a road rage row was jailed for three months yester-day at Harrow crown court in north-west London. Hospital registrar Chide Uche, aged 28, of Willesden Green, north-west London, had been found guilty last month of possess-ing an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear or violence. The court had been hold that Uche intend out of this BMU show a car court had been told that Uche jumped out of his BMW when a car blocked his way in a Cricklewood car park last December, and threatened Michael McNamara with an Olympic 6 starting pistol he had bought for his nephew. Passing sentence, Recorder Harendra De Silva QC said he took

into account that Uche may have been "apprehensive" as Mr McNamara approached him swearing and shouting. The judge



# **Portillo backs Eurofighter**

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£15 billion boost for industry and RAF depends on go-ahead from key partner Germany

Sarah Boseley and Michael White

HE Defence Secre-tary, Michael Por-tillo, yesterday de-clared that the UK was ready to commit itself to the production of "The four-nation Eurothe £40-billion Eurofighter fighter programme will ensure that the European aero-space industry remains at the forefront of technology. And aircraft, giving a boost to in-dustry and jobs and a firm

nudge to Germany, which is

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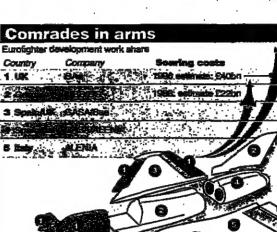
near-withdrawals because of flew yesterday for the first time in the UK in public, Mr Portillo said the announcethe escalating cost. After the Berlin Wall came down, Germany exchanged military in-security for financial ment was good news for in-dustry and the RAF, which will get 232 Eurofighters to liabilities. The German treasury is replace the ageing Tornado F3 and the Jaguar, at a cost to Britain of £15 billion.

under even more pressure now as it tries to meet the Maastricht single-currency timetable. The government has said it will not decide whether to commit money to production of the Eurofighter until next year. Agreement on the numbers in the UK alone, it will sup-

shire, Derby and Bristol, which stand to gain or keep jobs. and the German

government. There has been a long his-tory of German doubts and

each would buy and the dis-





The Guardian Tuesday Sept

1980: Initial proposal for a European Fighter Aircraft. 1985: France drops out after wrangles over type of aircraft; to build, leaving Britain, Ger-many, Italy and Spain to go it alone

May 1988: The four pariners sign an agreement to order prototypes. Project is costed at £22 billion, with the UK share. £7 billion. Aircraft expected to be in service in 1996. 1990: Germans consider withdrawing over cost of Germanunification, which removed a main security problem. 1992: Germany pulls out of development phase, followed by Italy. Cabinet splits emerge

and Michael Portillo at the

Treasury tries to get MoD to

also said he had felt able to reduce the sentence because he did not believe there was any chance of Uche reoffending. In Uche's defence, the court had been told the incident was a tragedy for the career of a respected doctor.

Show, where a prototype of directed at two main audi-the costly and much delayed ences: marginal constituen-front-line combat aircraft cies in areas such as Lanca-

port up to 14,000 jobs."



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was reached with Germany and the other partners, Italy and Spain, at the beginning of the year, however, and it is thought none of the four nations will want to lose their hefty investment in the aircraft's development. But for all its up-beat, go-

getting tone, yesterday's statement was qualified be cause Britain cannot proceed without the partners. Production will not start until all the signatures are on

paper. Michael Heseltine, the Dep-uty Prime Minister, who played a key role in the '30s in persuading the European governments to work together, said the announcement gave him "enormous personal pleasure". But Britain had to learn from the United States The National Audit Office and root out "uncompetitive has criticised the cumber-

structures and practices" if it some management of the pro-

was to take advantage of ject, spread across four giobal opportunities. The Government had pumped £1.2 billion into the erospace industry since 1979 - far more than it put into any other manufacturing in-dustry. "This is an industry of central importance to the British Government and one which we are right to sup-

is a doomed and costly at-tempt to compete with the port. This is a world industry United States - and that in which giant companies compete ruthlessly with each cash-conscious Germany would be doing everyone a favour by pulling the plug on other. International collabo-

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abandon project. December 1992: Project res 121 cued when four partner nations agree to cut costs to keep Germans in. Aircraft renamed Eurofighter. October 1999: Concern about aircraft's computer system de-lays inaugural flight. March 1994: Plane takes off nations, which it said was responsible for a large part of the inflated cost. for first time — in Germany. August 1995: National Audit Labour and the Liberal Democrats welcomed the pro-Office critical of international work-sharing arrangements, duction go-ahead yesterday, but there are still some Tories blaming them for 23 per cent increase in development costs who believe the Eurofighter

since 1988 - an increase of £2.2 billion to Britain. November 1995: Defence Sec-retary Michael Portillo said to be considering buying US-made Stealth bomber instead. UK and Germany reach outline deal on sharing produc-

tion work \_

Traveller finds her field of dreams

#### Alex Bellos

Sher luck. Cannabis plants as far as the eye could see. So she parked her truck and made the place her home. Only this was not in the Golden Triangle or Morocco. The 18-year-old trav eller had found paradise in hidden corner of Oxfordshire. "She must have thought she was in seventh heaven. It is every hippy's dream come true. If it wasn't such one officer. a serious matter it would be

hysterical," muttered the looked more like Colombia Old Bill when they discov- than Oxfordshire. I have

ered that the county's best never seen anything like it. the fields shint and pad-kept secret was not so Then we spotted this dilapi-locked, and maintain de-secret after all. dated old coach parked in tailed records of when the kept secret was not so dated old coach parked in some trees in the middle of It appeared that the teen-ager had been living in the it all and some of the crop Home Office-licensed hemp drying out in the sunshine." farm for several weeks.

There was a fire, food cans lying around, and cannabis leaves drying in the sun. Acting on a tip-off, the police had visited the farm. "We just drove down a track, turned in through an ing wheat round the out-side to disguise the canna-

open gate and were smack bang in the middle of a masbis plants. sive dope plantation," said Only the stalks are pro-

"There were 12 ft cannabis plants everywhere. It

The 115 acre plantation is

one of a small number in England. Their locations are secret and farmers have to conform to strict rules. times including grow

cessed, for use in making rope, paper and hessian. The leaves and flowering heads are destroyed. The farmer must keep gates to comment.

crops were picked. But police said that this time security was non-exis-tent. "We have spoken to the farmer and saked the Home Office to review the

Home enice to review the licence in the light of our findings. If they consider the case is serious enough they could withdraw their permission and revoke the licence." tcence

When the police arrived the girl was not there A warrant has been issued for her arrest under the Misuse of Drugs Act. The Home Office did not

### Teenage TV addicts prone to isolation, crime and drugs

#### schools in England and Stuart Millar Wales, more than a quarter said they watched at least

those watching at least four

hours a night - are more

likely to have anti-social atti-

tudes, become isolated from parents and feel disillusioned.

ity College, Carmarthen, said

these youngsters developed spectator mentalities which

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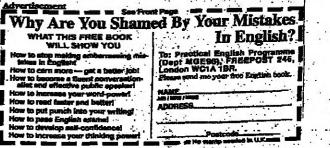
an active part in life.

The researchers, from Trin-

EENAGERS who watch more than four hours telefour hours a night. After comparing their attitudes with vision a night are more prone to crime, drug-taking and be coming isolated from society, those of the other respondents, the researchers said their findings painted a dis-turbing picture of isolation and disenchantment. academics said yesterday. The warning followed publication of research which found that TV addicts -

Almost 50 per cent of the addict group dismissed school as boring, compared to fewer than 30 per cent of those who watched less TV. TV addicts were also happier to accept were also mapping to accept they might be unemployed after school, and more than 20 per cent would prefer it to work they did not like. More than one in 10 condoned shoplifting, compared with only one in 20 other teenagers, Of 20,000 ternagers aged be tween 13 and 15 surveyed at fit as acceptable. while one in five viewed graf-

should pay more attention to TV addicts were also more teaching youngsters to be be-come discriminating viewers. tolerant of drugs. Fewer than 50 per cent thought using can-nabis was wrong; more than If you est junk food continually it will have a long-term 25 per cent approved of glue sniffing and 30 per cent thought heroin use and sniffeffect on your health, and TV is the same. So if kids learn about TV and what is junk ing butane acceptable. William Kay, one of the they will be able to develop a report's authors, said schools | more balanced diet." Advertisement



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### **BRITAIN 5**

### Nick Varley on one woman's three-year ordeal

# End stalker terror, pleads victim

'There is absolutely no justice in putting a victim through so much that they become damaged psychologically before a charge can be brought'

WOMAN who won | was Burstow's 19th convic-a test case against | tion. He repeatedly broke ina test case against a stalker who subjunctions and bail conditions iected her to a cam not to approach Mrs Sant and paign of terror lasteven continued stalking her ing more than three years, after he was sent to jail part way through his campaign. publicly relived her ordeal for Yesterday his victim also emphasised the importance of

Tracey Sant saw a former work colleague, Anthony Bur-stow, jailed for three years earlier this year, after he be-came the first stalker to be Convicted of minture badily tightening the law. "People said to me: why am I cam-paigning for a stalking law when the law obviously is convicted of grievous bodily there now to deal with stalkharm. Mrs Sant's account came at

ers? What I say is: it's not. "There is absolutely no justhe International Police tice in putting a victim through so much that they be-Training Conference in Bir-mingham where one of the come damaged psychologi-cally before a charge can be UK's most senior women police officers called for the brought proposed laws on stalking to "Let people have a right to go outside their front doors

made more stringent. without wondering if there will be phone calls, obscene Maria Wallis, Assistant Chief Constable of Sussex, said the mail, confrontations, and leave them desperately wonpersistent use of words or behaviour that harassed, alarmed or distressed victims dering if they are going to should be made an arrestable survive the day." Mrs Sant first met Burstow

More women officers the answer

stations, says ex-superintendent

Suppressing sexism the cult of masculinity" merely forces such atti-their outlook if it was no

lecturer in anthropology, of the proportions of men said officers imbued "with and women officers.

to cult of masculinity in police

The conference heard it at the naval base at which

they worked in Hampshire in | turbing evidence of his obs November, 1992. She tried to | sion was discovered: he h sion was discovered: he had bugged Mrs Sant's sofa, bed and office. On his release, Burstow him overcome help depression. Within a month, however,

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he began to appear when she went to aerobics or evening started where he had left off. The pressure told on Mrs. classes. By the end of the month she was terrified and Sant's marriage and her hus band left. They are divorcing this month.

began going missing, mes-sages were found on her answerphone and how she found an item of her underwear Burstow, were helpl from her bedroom drawe draped over the wing mirror

of her car. There were silent phone calls, unsigned mail and oil was poured over the car. Members of her family and iailed her husband's family also

began to be harassed. Burstow was jailed for six months for pouring the oil on the car but was released on appeal while Mrs Sant and her husband were on holiday. They returned to find their home had been broken into and personal items, including their wedding video, had been

Burstow was jailed for 18 months for the break-in, but continued to send mail and make phone calls from prison. While he was behind bars, however, the most dis-

If suppressed, the mascu-

linity cult became local-

ised, covert, and more in-

tense, and surfaced in "CID pubs or wherever", Dr

Young told the police train-We've got a culture in

the police which is 170

years old. But for 140 years

it was exclusively male-run

"You can't change a cul-

describing

ture in 30 years, especially

one so male-orientated."

and male-dominated.

Phrases

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was taking sleeping pills. She described how mail She moved to her parents

home, but the calls and letters continued. Police, unable to find evidence to prosecute Ten months later, after police compiled a dossier to

press the pioneering charge of grievous bodily harm. Burstow pleaded guilty and was Miss Wallis, a member of

the Association of Chief Police Officers working party dealing with stalking, said she was "broadly in favour" of the proposals, as were

many police forces. Research findings from police forces throughout the country showed in the 155 stalking cases reported, that 144 vic tims were female, 10 were male and one was a family.

In a third of the cases then was a domestic or other relationship between victim and stalker. Thirty-four were linked through work, 40 casually linked and 32 unknown.

women officers as "rough

as a robber's dog'

remained prevalent. Men

used such language when they felt under threat, he

said, and male officers

faced by women colleagues

Dr Young, a policeman

for 33 years, said the

answer to sexist attitudes

was to recruit more

women. "It needs to be the

norm that forces are 50-50,

give or take 10 per cent

often resorted to it.

either way.



New moves in rows over pupils | Loyalist bomb attack 'meant to kill'

Denald MacLeon Education Correspondent

tudes and language under-

ground, a former superin-

Malcolm Young, now a

tendent said yesterday.

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HILDREN return hamshire school at day to the Nottingwhich teachers have threatened to strike if they are forced to teach a boy aged 10. At an emergency meeting last night, governors of Man-ton junior school, Worksop, discussed compromise proposals for Matthew Wilson to be taught in isolation by a supply teacher. He was twice expelled by the head teacher but reinstated by governors. He is not due to attend the school until Monday.



longer tolerated in police

stations. He argued the cor-

rect strategy was to make

forces more equal in terms

"bright but challenging" boy. Meanwhile, a strike by NASUWT members at the Ridings School in Halifax, and order." West Yorkshire, was called off when the parents of Sarah Taylor, aged 13, withdrew her from school. It was the latest E a series of confrontations n which the union has forced the withdrawal of disruptive children from classes. Sarah was expelled last

Sarah's family say they will take legal advice about an alleged attack on Sarah by a teacher. Mr de Gruchy denied that she had been attacked. • The decision by all 15 comprehensives in the London tended to kill.

borough of Bromley to select per cent of their pupils term for alleged violence would be repeated by schools

in other areas. Sir Robert Balchin, chairman of the Grant

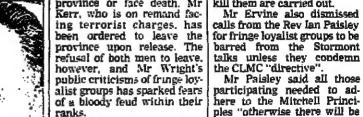
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tion, said yesterday. The decision marks a break-

HE parents of Alex Kert. one of two men ordered to leave Northern Ireland or face death by the loy-alist paramilitary leadership, said yesterday that a bomb

Vivek Chaudhary in Belfast

attack on their home was in-Pressure was also mounting yesterday for fringe loyal-



province or face death. Mr | kill them are carried out. Mr Ervine also dismissed calls from the Rev Ian Paisley for fringe lovalist groups to be barred from the Stormon talks unless they condemn the CLMC "directive Mr Paisley said all those

participating needed to ad-

David Ervine, spokesman no place for them at the

ples "otherwise there will be

Sarah Taylor ... parents Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National withdrew her from school Association of Schoolmasters

The boy's mother, Pamela Union of Women Teachers. Cliffe, was unhappy about the deal but said she did not want said a settlement would depend on the details of any pro-posal. Yesterday he talked to other children to suffer. Some to withdraw their daughter. governors accused teachers of Mr de Gruchy said there making a scapegoat of a was a feeling of relief among Fred Riddell, chairman of the county's education committee.



against a teacher and pupil. After an appeal to the local ducation authority, she was allowed to return for the new term vesterday. Teachers voted to strike if

they were asked to teach her. and it was decided that she would receive tuition from the head teacher. Jacqueline Taylor and her husband. Michael, were unhappy with the arrangement and decided

in its policy of dismantling comprehensive education Until now, only 41 grant-maintained schools had applied to introduce some selection. Parents in Bromley fear that selection tests will draw

in hundreds of pupils from other authorities and squeeze out the borough's children.

ist parties to be excluded from next week's Stormont talks following the attack and the issuing of the ultimatum last week to Mr Kerr and leading loyalist Billy Wright to quit Northern Ireland.

through for the Government Mr Kerr's father, also called Alex, who was 60 on Sunday when a bomb was thrown through the window of his south Belfast home, said: "I

don't think they came to scare us away. They came to put us away. I'm an easy target bined Loyalist Military Com-When they issued the ultima- mand (CLMC) gave Billy



Alex Kerr, whose son faces a loyalist death threat

brick through the window but never a bomb. Last Wednesday, the Com-bined Loyalist Military Comfor the fringe Progressive table Unionist Party (PUP), which Mo Mo Mowlem, the shadow Northern Ireland secretary, is representing the interests of the paramilitary Ulster said in an interview with a Belfast newspaper that all loy-Volunteer Force at the Stor-mont talks, due to resume next week, denied that Sunalist parties needed to be in-volved in the Stormont talks but condemned the CLMC's day night's attack was carried out on the orders of the CLMC. "People should look at ultimatum.

the other parties involved and see who this attack benefits and it's not the CLMC.

matums, which have split loy- rioting on Sunday when mobs When they issued the ultima- mand (CLMC) gave Billy alist ranks and could lead to fought with hammers and tum to my son I was expecting. Wright 72 hours to leave the retaliation if the threats to crowbars and threw bricks.

Meanwhile, in a further sign of deteriorating rela-tions, Protestant and Catholic mobs clashed in north Belfast However. Mr Ervine last night. Police said the refused to condemn the ulti-

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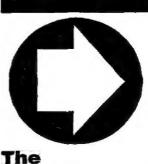
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Mandelson **Oscar thrilled Glenda** as little as one might expect, given that her acting career produced two genuine ones (now stored in her sister's backroom cupboard in Merseyside). "But I was actually quite glad of a breath of sea air after being ill. It was a good day out." Mary Ridell



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### **6 WORLD NEWS**

#### News in brief

### Iranian ship 'taking arms to Libya'

AN IRANIAN ship carrying arms and explosives in contraven tion of United Nations sanctions is expected to arrive in Libya in the next few days, shipping sources and Arab diplomats said yesterday. Official Libyan or Iranian comment was not available.

The arms embargo was imposed for Libya's failure to hand over two men suspected of the Lockerbie bombing.

Shipping sources said the ship, the Iran Ershad, sailed around the Cape of Good Hope rather than take the normal route through the Suez Canal, thus avoiding inspection by Egyptian port authorities.

The sources had no details of the arms the ship is alleged to be carrying. -- Reuter.

#### Sahrawis threaten force

AN INDIGENOUS group seeking independence for Western Sa-hara has vowed to take up arms against Morocco again if the

nara has vowen to take up at ins against, but occur again it the troubled United Nations referendum does not take place, the Algerian daily Le Matin reported on Sunday. If the vote on the territory's status is cancelled, "The Sahrawi people will resume combat until they acquire their national sovereignty", said Mohammed Abdelaziz, head of the Polisario Front. The threat came after the United Nations suspended voter methods in ordered its observer mission monitories the registration and reduced its observer mission monitoring the five-year-old ceasefire.

Morocco and the Polisario fought for control of the territory, bordering southern Morocco, after Spain left in 1976. The UN has been trying to organise a referendum since 1991 but has been held up by arguments over who should vote. - AP, Algiers.

#### Second tragedy at US lake

A REMOTE South Carolina lake where a young mother drowned her two children in 1994 has taken the lives of seven more people. The victims had driven to John D. Long lake near Union to look at a memorial to the brothers Michael, aged three, and Alex, aged

14 months, who died when Susan Smith rolled her car into the water. The group parked their van on a boat ramp and five of the adults got out. But the vehicle, with one adult and four children inside, rolled into the lake. Angle Phillips, aged 22, mother of three of the children, and Carl White, aged 29, drowned trying to rescue

Mrs Phillips's husband, Tim, aged 26, was found at the wheel. The gear stick was in neutral position but police do not suspect foul play. The other victims were the Phillips' three children, aged between four months and four years, and a three-year-old boy. — Ian Katz, New York.

### 'Subversive' Suu Kyi accused

BURMA'S military junta has accused the opposition National League for Democracy, led by Aung San Suu Kyi, of working with exiled "subversives" to try to exert pressure on the government. A military intelligence officer, Colonel Kyaw Thein, said yes-

terday that seized documents showed the exiled groups intended to work with the NLD "to commit . . . subversive acts both within and without the country." Among the examples cited against Ms Suu Kyi was her receipt last November from a group of Burmese extles in India of a video of the film Beyond Rangoon, which depicts bloody military action to crush the democracy movement in 1988. - Nick Cumming-Bruce, Bangkok.



# IRAQ CRISIS/Dole condemns 'novice' Clinton for ignoring Baghdad's warning signals Gulfgiant 'caught napping'

Martin Walker in Washington

Allied strength The allies command a formidable array of military might in the Middle East. The US has 23,500 combat troops sta **MERICAN** forces in the Middle East bases with pre-positioned equipment at are able to launch al-Kharj, Dhahran, Bahrain, Oatar air and cruise misand Kuwait, the US could sile strikes against increase this Iraq without reinforcement. number to They could have mounted a over 100,000 spirited air campaign against within a week Iraqi armoured brigades north of the 36th parallel. UK Their failure to do so is now the main target of Republican criticism of President Clin-Aircraft ton's response to the crisis. "What did the president know and when did he know Six Tormado fighter-bombera stationed at Incirilk: Anothe it?" asked John Warner, an influential member of the six at Othehran. All equipped with anti-Senate armed services com-

tank weapons, laser-guided bombt mittee. "Why were we asleep at the switch?" "The time to stop these things is before they start," and anti-runway weapons. In all there are 70 alliad aircraft at Mr Clinton's Republican hicirtik. rival, Bob Dole, added. Stress-ing the president's lack of military background, he said:

Leaving it too late, not paying attention - these are the • Www.ship hallmarks of the novice." Two aircraft carrier groups are

There is no shortage of United States power for Mr Clinton to deploy. There are in the area: USS Carl Vinson in the Gulf two aircraft carriers within USS Enterprise in the striking distance of Iraq -the Carl Vinson in the Gulf, eastern Mediterranea Both are armed with with 79 warplanes, and the Enterprise in the eastern Tomahawk cruise mit Total ships: 20.

US

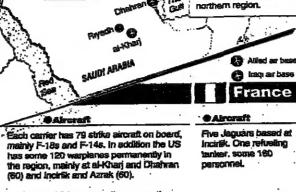
Mediterranean, also with 79 F-18 and F-14 fighter-bombers. The carrier task forces also have Tomahawk missiles, which cost \$1.1 million each.

but are highly accurate and involve no risk to American life. The US has another 120 warplanes in the region, half of them at the Saudi Arabian | the whole Middle East and



the key to the entire deploy-ment. They host the E-3 airborne warning and control aircraft (Awacs) which watch the rest of the force would not | a US military protectorate.

nently in the Gulf region. With its vast



No-fly zone

carrier groups. Tanks and armour in Kuwait.

The Saudi bases also house the U-2 spy planes, the squad-ron of F-117 "stealth" fighter bombers, and the KG-135 airborne tankers, without which

The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that allied aircraft were continuing to

#### patrol northern Iraq. SAMPLE' NEW VILLEN

raq

Army: 350,000

Tasks: 2,700

Aircraft 316

Some 30,000 troops

and 450 tanks were involved in the recent

attack on the Kurdish

have the range to command the air throughout the region. With the US Fifth Fleet base

at Bahrain, the cargo ships of artillery and tanks, within a military supplies at Diego Garcia, and equipment for US The 23.500 troops comprise armoured brigades in both Kuwalt and Qatar, the Gulf is 15,000 sailors and marines 4,000 airmen, 2,000 engineers

**British jets** on alert

#### **Richard Norton-Taylor**

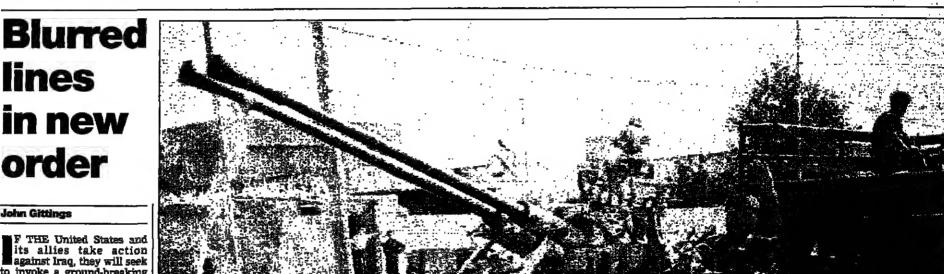
BRITISH forces in the Middle East consist of 12 Tornado GR-1 fighterbombers. Six are based at Incirlik in southern Turkey as part of the 70 United States, British and French force patrolling the north-ern Iraq "no-fly zone", es-tablished after the Gulf war to protect Kurds.

Six Tornados based in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, patrol the "no-fly zone" protecting the predomi-nantly Shi'a population in southern Iraq. The Tornados at Incirlik

are equipped with laser-guided bombs, anti-armour cluster bombs and JP-233 bombs, designed to attack airfields.

- patrol the Gulf armed with Sea Dart missiles and torpedoes, and equipped with Lynx helicopters.

The current 23,500 Ameri can military personnel in the Gulf could be expanded to 100,000, equipped with heavy



The Guardian Tuesday September 8 1996

and logistics troops, and 2,00 army personnel who are rem-larly rotated in the region for

training. The extent of US power has led the Republicans to candemn Mr Clinton for misjude ing the early warnings of Iraqi troop movements

towards the 38th parallel. "For the last few weeks the threat of Iraqi intervention in the north has been building, yet the administration has delegated the problem to low level officials, hoping that its verbal warnings would suf-fice," Mr Dole said "It should be no surprise that the Iraqis have ignored those barely audible warnings."

But US intelligence sources said yesterday that Iraq had moved the bulk of its forces at night, and had shown great skill in using camouflage dur-ing the limited (and predict. 2°3 .....

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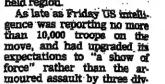
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able) 150-minute spans of satellite surveillance. The national security coup-

cil was told last Wednesday that limited troops move ments were under way, which looked like routine rotation of Iraqi forces near the Kurdish held region



isions that occurred. Iraq used nightly shuttles of helicopters to bring in the lead infantry and the combat engineers who cleared the

mines and strengthened bridges for the tank advance.

Four-year-old Tyler Bailey firmly clutches fleece in the Mutton Bustin' event at the Okceshoebee cattlemen's 45th Annual Labour Day Rodeo in Florida

#### **Cautious peace in Philippines**

MUSLIM rebels and the Philippine government formally signed a peace pact yesterday ending 24 years of war in the south. But Nur Misuari, the chairman of the Moro National Libera-

tion Front, said after the caremony at the presidential palace in Manila that more war would be inevitable if the pact failed to produce concrete benefits for the Muslims of the southern Philippines.

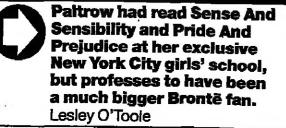
"Signing the agreement is one thing... the more crucial test, the real acid test, will be in the implementing phase." said the former university professor who led his rebels through a war with Christians which killed 125,000, most of them civil-ians. — *Reuter, Manila*.

#### Banda aides held in Malawi

POLICE in Malawi arrested the two closest associates of former president Kamuzu Banda yesterday on charges of attempted murder and conspiracy to murder, state-run radio reported. John Tembo, who was Mr Banda's apparent heir as leader of the opposition Malawi Congress Party, and his long-time companion Cecilia Kadzamira were arrested on charges related to the

shooting of an Asian shopkeeper, the radio said. A former police officer was also arrested. Two days ago police arrested another three suspects on the same charges. Last year Mr Banda stood trial with Mr Tembo and Ms Kadzamira, accused of ordering the assassination of four opponents in

1983. All were acquitted. - Reuter, Blantyre.



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United Nations resolution passed in 1991. Resolution 688 condemned

"the repression of the Iraqi civilian population", particularly in Kurdish areas, and called on Iraq to "immedi-ately end repression". It was first time the UN Security Council had intervened strongly on a human

rights issue, ignoring the tra-ditional view that this would mean interfering with a coun-try's internal affairs. The resolution does not le UN members act to enforce it. As the UN "Blue Book" on relations with Iraq notes, it

was "not adopted under Chapter 7 of the Charter" (which allows the Security Council to take action "with respect to threats to the peace"). Russia and China felt the resolution threatened to undermine the principle of sovereignty. They agreed to support it only after the inser-tion of a clause referring to an

earlier part of the Charter — Article 2, Paragraph 7. This says that the UN may not intervene in matters which are "essentially the jurisdiction of any state" - un less Chapter 7 applies. If the US takes action

against Iraq, it can only invoke Resolution 688 as having some ill-defined moral force. Iraq will argue that US intervention contravenes a key provision of the Charter. The passing of Resolution 688 led Britain and the US to

create two "no-fly" or "exclusion" zones in Iraq, which they said were needed to enforce and monitor compliance with the resolution.

threatened enforcement action under Chapter 7. This had ended the Gulf war empowered them to impose such connothing to do with the no-fly trols on Iraqi military flights. The UN also registers iraq's objection. Baghdad says the zone: it stemmed from earlier resolutions, passed after the Gulf war, which lay down terms for the ceasefire. The many UN resolutions on Iraq fall into three bun-dles. First, those flowing from the ceasefire. This established IN commissions to support zones were not adopted on the basis of any UN resolution and that their aim is to interfere in Iraq's internal affairs. In October 1994, when Iraq

frontier Second, those covering the terms on which UN sanctions may be lifted to let Iraq sell oil and buy food and medicine.

A fighter from the Kurdish Democratic Party enters Salahuddin yesterday with artillery taken from the rival Patriotic Union of Kurdistan after Saturday's capture of Irbil. The KDP seized Irbil, the seat of the Kurdish government, with the backing of Iraqi troops Photograph Siman casual

Third, arrangements for UN relief agencies, based on memorandums of understanding with Baghdad **Resolution 688 stands alone** 

The Blue Book notes, with-out endorsing, the coalition waiti border, the Security the elimination of Iraq's plored territory of interna-

countries' claim that the Council (in Resolution 949) | weapons of mass destruction | tional law. Some observers ceasefire agreement which | threatened enforcement action | and police the Iraq-Kuwait | say that recent events in Bosnia, Somalia and elsewhere have blurred the line of national sovereignty which the UN did not previously

Others argue that this is a dangerous course: it would allow any member state particularly the big powers -

to interfere in another coun try's internal affairs. Iran has deployed a differ-

ent argument to justify its ent argument to the Patri-otic Union of Kurdistan — one of two warring Kurdish factions in northern Iraq.

PHOTOGRAPH BURHAN OZBRUGI

factions in normern iraq. Tehran argues that Bagh-dad's inability to exercise "effective control" over the north entities Iran to respond to sabotage launched against. it from Kurdish Iraq.

Additional research: United Nations Association-UK.

# Collapse of opposition unity dismays wary exiles

Inter-Kurdish fighting has demolished the rickety structure of the anti-Saddam Iragi National Congress, writes Ian Black

Versations bubbled out of every room in the plush London offices of the Iraqi National Congress yesterday but there was little good news from Kurdistan and no optimism about putting Saddam Hussein back in his box. According to phone and fax messages from the au-

tonomous areas, Iraqi mukon our hands and we are habarat secret police rounded up officials of the being very restrained in what we say.'

Only one message brought | umbrella organisation siniles to the gloomy faces of since it was set up in 1992. Saddam's exiled enemies: President Saddam's ma-Hero Talabani, the wife of noeuvre has demolished the PUK leader, had manthe rickety structure of the aged to escape into friendly INC: Massoud Barzani, the territory in Sulaymaniyah. KDP leader, was the Kurd-"It's astonishing that the KDP would trust Baghish representative on the INC's three-member presidad," one official said. "But dential council. The KDP now we have a major politiseats in the National Ascal and humanitarian crisis sembly and the executive council are now vacant too. Looking back over the

"There has been a serious shift of alliance from the INC to the government," admitted Ahmed Chalabi, the sharp-tongued former banker who has headed the

Ironically, US diplomats and INC officials met in London last Friday to fix monitoring arrangements for the intra-Kurdish ceasefire, as news came in that

President Saddam's tanks were heading north. "Points of disagreement were very limited but nothing happened." said Mr

Chalabi. "All this would have been avoided if the issue had been treated with more seriousness.

"But I don't blame the Americans. I blame the last year, there now seems a grim inevitability about this disaster. Opposition dam. After all, it's our leaders admit their weak-nesses but say the United States and Britain could help was not really forthand should have done much | coming at the level that

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more to help maintain the was required. We are Iraqis expedient, and both have autonomous zone. and we have to deal with been supported by Iran. our own problems."

northern no-fly zone to the

whole of Iraq, restrict the movement of armoured

units to around Baghdad —

been supported by Iran. So Mr Chalabi took the Yet the INC does want Western action: extend the

long view, pointing to con-tinuing Kurdish support for the KDP and the need to solve the problems of security and revenue that cre-ated the friction between

the two parties. The INC leader rejected and, it is hoped, encourage army officers to rise up against President Saddam. And, the INC says, the Iran's suggestion that the US turned a blind eye to Baghdad because it saw United Nations should cregrowing Iranian influence in Kurdistan as the greater ate a commission to decide whether President Saddam evil

is guilty of war crimes. The INC displayed a grim "If no action is taken now to punish Saddam for his calmness yesterday that contrasted with statements about KDP "treachery" em-anating from the INC's come in and embroil north-British supporters. The KDP and the PUK conflict, because they are

not going to let Saddam have both worked with come across the line." Baghdad when it seemed

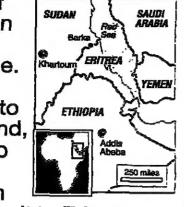
opposition INC after the Kurdish Democratic Party shattered the myth of unity by teaming up with Bagh-dad against the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan.





Above, food distribution in the Barka area and, right, Mustapha Issa Omer displays his stump, the result of a run-in with an army press gang PHOTOGRAPHS: ANDREW BOYD

The people of eastern Sudan are trying to escape famine. But the flight takes them into dangerous land. and there's no guarantee of any food even



if they do make it to Eritrea, writes Andrew Boyd in Barka

# Hunger and oppression force Bejas over border

HE border between | which glance this way and ; gargrenous and had to be amwestern Eritrea and that and avoid my gaze. He was picked up by a roving Su-danese army press gang to fight the war with the SPLA north-eastern Sudan is marked by mountains sharp as dragon's teeth. The track across is a roller-coaster truck ride over heaps (Sudan People's Liberation Army) in the south. When he tried to explain stump. of rubble. On the Eritrean of sorghum: that he

But the Beja people are also putated. His family were fuslims. And they claim they afraid to take a deserter to hospital, so they called on the services of a quack. "The operation cost my brother five camels." he said, clasping the

are being driven out of their country by the radical Islamic egime in Khartoum. They spill into Eritrea. some on camel and some on foot. Many have swords

Now, flanked by congress troops, the exile steals back into Sudan to inspire his people to join the struggle. Villagers flee at their ap-

wer in Sudan.

proach, fearing an army

National Islamic Front to | all the people come from east

ern Sudan it will be a disaster. Just like 1985. We are a poor people. We can't even feed ourselves." Eritrea, which has just

stopped receiving food aid for its own people, is now calling for Western aid to feed the

Cairo would cancel a key Middle East economic confer-

# **WORLD NEWS 7 Cairo seeks** action from Netanyahu

nce, scheduled for Novem ber. The stark ultimatum angered Israeli officials. Mr

Netanyahu's office said it was "an unfortunate threat which

can only exacerbate tensions "We don't want promises. We need actions," the long-

of the two leaders. For the last three weeks top

Israeli and Palestinian have conducted discreet talks at

remain divided on

Derek Brown in Jerusalem

HE PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, said last night he was con-

ternational arbitration to resolve his steadily worsen-ing differences with Israel. The suggestion was instantly rebuffed by a spokesman for The suggestion was instantly rebuffed by a spokesman for the Israeli prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu. Earlier in the day frenetic contacts between Israel and the Palestinians failed to set a date for a meeting of the term

we need actions." the long-serving Egyptian ambassador to Israel, Mohanmed Bas-siouny, said in support of the Palestinian demands. Egypt is unlikely to wring such wide-ranging conces-sions from the hardline govdate for a meeting of the two ernment of Mr Netanyahu But Israeli negotiators are said to be moving towards leaders. But in a mood of deepening crisis, pressure is mounting inexorably on Iscompromise on some issues including a significant relaxrael to make concessions and ation of the restrictions on Palestinian workers — and prevent the unravelling of the 1993 peace accord. the long-awaited first meeting

The two men are still ex-pected to meet this week possibly today - even though possibly today — even though their negotiators remain sharply divided on how to repair the badly faltering peace process. Among the crucial outstanding issues

Negotiators

yahu government

 The timing and extent of Is-rael's withdrawal of occupa-tion forces from the flash-point West Bank city of Hebron. The pull-back should have been completed in how to repair the peace process have been completed in March but was delayed, first by a wave of Islamist suicide

the Tel Aviv home of Terje Larsen, the United Nations bombings in Israel and then by the election of the Netanco-ordinator in the occupied territories. Mr Larsen was a leading

 Israel's renewed drive to player in the secret negotia-tions which brought about expand Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. Pal-estinians say that the expanthe Israel-PLO peace accord in Oslo in 1993. Now he has resumed his intermediary role as relations between the sion plans are in blatant vio-lation of the peace accord; Israel claims the issue peace partners' have gravely deteriorated.

remains to be discussed. The firmly promised The new round of hush release of all remaining Paleshush diplomacy has produced tinian women prisoners -about 25 in all - which was contradictory signals. Ac-cording to some reports, the vetoed last year by the Israeli president, Ezer Weizman. Israelis offered cautious concessions, including an addi-tional 10,000 entry permits for Palestinians. The PLO, the The lifting of Israel's partial ban on the entry of tens of thousands of Palestinian workers. The so-called border closure has crippled the finances of the self-rule Palestinian Authority. In a surprise intervention

yesterday, Egypt warned Israel that it had just three sion of the talks is that Mr Arafat and his aides are determined to hold Israel to weeks to implement existing agreements with the Palestinians. If it did not comply, every word of the commitments made by the last

reports said, was prepared to renegotiate the terms of the ultra-senstive Israeli redeployment in Hebron, where some 400 Jewish settlers live among 100.000 Palestinians. Another, less sanguine, ver

Sudanese side is starvation. "All of my people are starving," shrugs Mustapha Issa

Omer. He used to be a shepherd. That was before he took two bullets while escaping a Sudanese army snatch squad. contracted gangrene and lost his leg. He has no truck to help him cross the border into Eritrea: he makes his

next day hiding there as the way on crutches. Mr Omer is one of around troops continued searching. At night he called out to a 3 million Beja people. He is in camel driver, who took him his thirties but looks home.

grain to make bread. On the not a soldier, that he had el the border tell of enforced derly parents, a wife and chil-dren to support, they threw food and medicine. One was him into a locked compound thrown in jail for trying to

with their other new "con-scripts". At 2am he found a buy sorghum. The government of Sudan gap in the wire and tried to slip through. The soldiers saw him and shot him in the arm wants people to starve. There is a saying: if you have a dog. make him hungry so he will follow you." said Osser Musa. and leg. He scrambled under a thorny shrub and spent the a refugee.

Others who try to sell their soats to buy grain are taxed so highly by the men with white beards - the Muslim Brothers - that they can af-

younger, with dark doe eyes | By then his leg had turned | ford to buy nothing.

splayed ends and decorated with strips of red and blue metal.

Others wear combat fatigues and carry Kalashnikovs. These are the soldiers of the rebel Beja Congress who perform bit and run raids sick. against bridges and other tar-gets in Sudan. Some are as

young as 12, but it is said they are still only being trained in the art of the Kalashnikov.

The leader of the congress Imam Taha Ahmed Taha, was declared a non-Muslim after the coup which brought the and Refugee Commission. "If yesterday.

In Barka, a village of 500 families, 200 men were snatched by the army, and 300 people have died of malnutrition and famine-related disease. Pale old men cough with tuberculosis. Many others are

Word has got out that there is food in Eritrea. But Eritrea has only managed to provide enough grain to feed a few thousand. A token gesture. Tewelde Tesfay is supervis-

ing the food distribution for the Eritrean Rehabilitation age the interior ministry said

Sudanese. Meanwhile, in the searing afternoon sun, Mr Omer scrambles up with the aid of his crutches and wonders how he will carry his sack of sorghum back across the

mountains to his starving Chris McGreal in family in Sudan. Two people, one a woman, were killed and seven injured Kigali reports on a when police opened fire on a law which means crowd during angry demon-strations by students in Khar-

many killers will be freed after five years

Rough justice for Rwanda's victims

> people on trial and we are not looking to execute them all. We are hoping that most will take advantage of confession to get reduced sentences, otherwise it will take decades to deal with them all.

"It's difficult for any of the victims to understand why we should be considering reduced sentences when no one has yet confessed, when VEN some of those who the killers show no remorse

agitated most vigorously for Rwanda's new geno-But we have to do this." Among the strongest oppocide law wonder if they would not be better off without it. People who survived the Hutu slaughter of hundreds of nents of the new law are geno-cide survivors in parliament,

such as Donatien Rugema, thousands of Tutsis in 1994 who held up passage of the legislation. These penalties for geno-

wanted the legislation to rec-ognise the enormity of the crime by severely punishing all the killers. Instead they have a law many consider litcide are less severe than for an ordinary murder." said Mr Rugema, who lost most of his extended family in the killing. tle better than an amnesty, "If these people had commit-ted one murder under old and the dismaying prospect of their tormentors being freed while memories of the geno-clde are still fresh. Rwandan law they would be executed. But if they killed their neighbours, murdered

Critics fear the trials will be for show. Most of the judges have never heard a the children and looted houses case before and most of the accused will not have defence

lawyers.

guilt.

The penalties for genocide are less

The international tribunal for Rwanda — an appendage of the Bosnia war crimes trials — is expected to begin severe than for an ordinary murder hearing its first three cases in Tanzania later this month. Meanwhile the Kigali govern-

during the genocide they will be free in a few years. "We cannot execute all the ment is coping with more than 80,000 alleged killers

stuffed into its prisons. Three weeks ago, after killers but they should be months of dispute and many revisions, parliament passed the controversial law under which punishment will be imgiven the death penalty and it should be for the courts or the president to commute the sentences of those who coposed according to the degree operate.'

of responsibility and admitted Plea bargains are also a rec-ognition of the weakness of Those considered to have led the genocide - politi-cians, soldiers, even the

nany of the cases. Often the only witnesses are the killers themselves. Charge sheets often contain little more than accusations by a single survivor. Several thousand prisoners have no

files at all Mr Gahima says the gov-ernment faced difficulties

reconstructing the judicial system after the genocide.

"Most of the judges and prosecutors ran away or were killed. The courtrooms were destroyed or looted. We had to train people and we had no money. We had to do it all in a vear

The government has spent £12 million of foreign aid "This genocide touches us rebuilding the system. New roofs adorn once-gutted cillation there must be courts. Judges have been trials," he said. "But we are recruited. But sceptics say it not looking to put all these does not add up to justice.

Refugee's dream may be |Last of the Cali cartel nightmare for Izetbegovic barons gives himself up

benefit if Muslims return home to vote,

Julian Borger in Sarajevo writes

exles

F ANYONE crosses Bos-nia's ethnic dividing line to vote on September 14. It will be Enver Karic. A Muslim aged 48, expelled from Serb-controlled terri-ters to prevent such visits. persistently organised pro-tests to prevent such visits. tory four years ago, he says Mr Karic spent two years in no infimidation or practi-cal hurdle will stop him a Serb prisoner of war camp, which left him so returning to Bratunac, in eastern Bosnia. physically broken he had a

year in hospital. A mass crossing of the "I was born there. Everyhing I owned is there — land, house, family grave-yard. I will go back and I will vote there," he said. About 400,000 Muslim ethnic boundary on elec-

A mass crossing of refugees of voting age are in the same position as Mr the ethnic border Karic. Their consuming desire to return to their for-mer homes in the 49 per could spark many

local clashes

mer homes in the 49 per cent of the country as-signed to the Serbs by last year's Dayton peace pact is the only significant force holding Bosnia together. If they abandon the idea, ethnic cleansing will have succeeded. But their deter-mination to go home could also threaten the political prospects of their leaders. prospects of their leaders. In an election in which

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tion day could spark innu-merable clashes as former Muslim and Serb neighbours confront each other for the first time since the war began in 1992. Nato plans to channel these cross-boundary vot-ers into a limited number

of approved routes, to where you vote will be as important as who you vote for, most say they want to reduce the security risk. even though this represents a significant limit on the remain in their pre-war right to free movement. Most election analysts beconstituencies.

Nearly 140,000 have applied to vote by absentee ballot. Up to 250,000 others could pour across the eth-nic boundary on election and the hope of a snatched | to national and regional as- | ethnic cleansing.

A Serb extremist will glance of their old homes, semblies is generally seen under the protection of as a less emotive issue than the Nato-led peacekeeping control of town councils. "Without the municipal

force, I-For. "If I go to Bratumac to vote when I-For are there, elections the numbers who are going to cross are going to be small -- perhaps as low as 30,000." said Chris-topher Bennett, an analyst it will make it easier for me to go back later to my home. I know the local Serbs there and I could get in contact with them," Mr Karic said. in an independent monitor-ing organisation, the Inter-

national Crisis Group. There is little sign of an organised effort by the Muslim political parties to transport voters across the line. Mr Karic, for example. has no idea how he will get to Bratunac.

The roling Muslim party, the SDA, has made little attempt to influence where its supporters vote, expect-ing them, perhaps, to regis-ter in their pre-war homes and villages. This is in line with SDA

principles supporting Bos-nia's reunification, but it could lose the party crucial The election rules make

the 400,000 Muslims regis-tered to vote in the Serb half of the country, the "Republika Srpska", ineligible to vote for presiden-tial candidates standing in the Muslim-Croat federation. Of the estimated 1,500,000 Muslim voters. therefore, 400,000 will not be available to the SDA's presidential candidate, Alija Izetbegovic. If the Muslim vote is fur-ther split by alternative can-

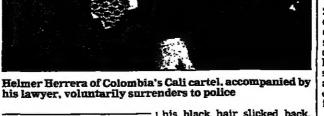
didates like Haris Silajdzic, the former prime minister. Mr Izetbegovic could be beaten for the post of Bos

nia's first post-war head of lieve the decision last week state by the Serb candidate, to postpone the municipal elections will reduce the in-Momeilo Krajisnik, a fernic boundary on election centive to travel, as the vent supporter of partition day for a symbolic return election of representatives who played a leading role in and the hort of a contract of a contract of the sector of the se

trafficker

Colombian police on Sunday after spending more than a Helmer Herrera, allegedly fourth in the cartel hierarchy. month period last summer.

sat waiting for the police in a of the more complex charac-ters in the cartel. He is known church pew on the outskirts of Cali with two lawyers and



He is the last of seven drug barons on a list drawn up by Colombian and American

of the authorities. The other six were arrested in a two-

With Mr Herrera now be hind bars, the Colombian au-thorities hailed the demise of the Cali cartel. But American drug enforcement authorities say the flow of cocaine to the United States has not faltered

The Cali cartel supplies 80 per ters in the cartel. He is known cent of the world's cocaine to be a bisexual — one of his and is becoming a major sup-

Mary Matheson in Bogotá HE last of the Cali cartel

ear in hiding.

his black hair slicked back. he looked more like an adver-

tising executive than a drug

officials to fall into the hands

Mr Herrera, aged 45. is one

a priest. Wearing a navy-blue to be a bisexual — one of his and is becoming a major double-breasted suit and with nicknames is *la niña* (the girl) plier of heroin to the US.

ing the Pope's visit. These considerations, cou

Some, if they plead guilty and testify against others, could

be free in five years. Gerard Gahima, the deputy justice minister, said the leg-islation recognised that be cause so many people were in-volved in the killing significant numbers had to be

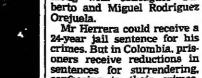
on its feet after the war.

pled with the pressure of the police hunt for him, may have

encouraged to plea bargain, to

reduce pressure on a judicial system only just getting back

all. Before there can be recon-



sentences for surrendering, confessing to their crimes, handing in ill-gained possesclergy — face the death penal-ty, as do the most enthusiastic and pitiless killers. sions, informing on others and good behaviour. Some But most of the murderers will serve prison terms.

- and is said to have spent part of his time on the run

He commands fierce per sonal loyalty from his follow

ers, a fact the police believe helped him elude them for so

long. Many of the other

bosses were betrayed by

henchmen in return for cash

But he was also reportedly

one of the most brutal of the leadership. He led the bloody clash between the Cali and

Medellin cartels in the late

1980s. He survived two assas

sination attempts ordered by

the Medellin godfather Pablo

Escobar, who was gunned

Mr Herrera's fortune,

wrapped up in a complex net-

work of front companies, is impossible to estimate. But he

is thought to be one of the richest men in the world along with colleagues Gil-

down by the police in 1993.

disguised as a woman.

rewards.

even received reductions dur-

been factors which prompted his surrender.

drug barons surren-dered peacefully to the

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## Sentencing supergrasses

The Home Secretary has got it wrong . . . again

SENTENCING drug dealers to 18 years | ceivable"? Of course not. Legal chamdangerous new approach to an old trick. But who would have thought Michael Howard - particularly given his hardline campaign for honesty in sentencing — would have fallen for it? There is a well established tradition of offering deals to underworld figures who are ready to help convict their accomplices - turning Queen's evi-dence as it used to be known in the trade. Some, like Bertie Smalls (who helped convict 26 associates in major robberies 22 years ago) were able to negotiate complete immunity from prosecution. Most "supergrasses" receive sentences but of a lower length. But now the ultimate cynical deal has been exposed: two Liverpool drugs dealers who were given 18 years were freed by Michael Howard after three years on the urging of the trial judge. According to the Home Secretary, the judge felt to the none sectedary, the judge left unable to pass a reduced sentence for fear of acknowledging their coopera-tion, endangering their lives, and jeop-ardising further investigations. If Michael Howard's account is true,

the judge has erred in principle and in practice. There are well established witness protection programmes. They were imported from America years ago. They are expensive — requiring safe houses, high security devices, protec-tion officers — but they have been used before. But the deal was wrong in principle too. There could hardly be a more dishonest example of sentencing. It has not just brought shame on the criminal justice system but further eroded its most important underpinning: public trust.

Should Michael Howard have gone along with the deal? Of course not. He should have known he would be found out. Is he right in suggesting that he had no other option - ignoring the judge's advice would have been "incon-

but letting them out after three is a bers will be convulsed by such wriggling. Michael Howard has been ignoring judicial advice from the moment he was over promoted to Home Secretary three years ago. Ask the last Lord Chief Justice. Ask the defence counsel who have seen him extend the minium tariffs which judges have recommended. Was the Home Secretary right to try and hush up his decision? Only in the cynical sense of saving himself from extreme embarrassment. This was an exercise in self interest, not public interest.

So what should he have done? Played straight with the public. If the two dealers have given invaluable information to police and customs, then they do deserve a reduction to their sentence although not as large as they got. But it has to be done openly. That is what the criminal justice system was designed to achieve: justice being seen to be done. That means using safe houses for informants. It means testing the accuracy of their information. And it means ap-

pointing senior minders to supervise supergrasses. None of this seems to have been done. The dangers of supergrasses have been well documented: on one hand the fallibility of the police in dealing with informants and their ability to be taken in; and on the other the tendency of informants to use the police to settle underworld scores and their readiness to "turn" detectives rather than be turned themselves. That is why they are meant to have experienced police minders. The criminal justice system cannot be turned into an open market for information - particularly when the public is unable to guage the

quality of the information provided. It is time the whole process was tightened up, made more accountable, and more public. The current deal - to use an earlier judicial complaint - just pollutes the system.



Don't blame the West over Iraq. Blame Kurdish internal disunity

MIDDLE EASTERN minds are concen- | between Bill Clinton and King Fahd on undav without even powerfully by the prospect of

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Tendency ever give a thought to ordinary Labour supporters (Blair urges clean fight, September 2)? We wake up each day fearing the latest onslaught on the leadership, mat from the Traise or the tab 66 Laureate Way, Hemel Hempst Herts HP1 3RU.

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Letters to the Editor

not from the Tories or the tab-loids but from the Shorts. Flynns and Mitchells. Their ability to write Brian Mawhinney's propaganda from now to the election must make Maurice Saatchi fear

for his job. To debate policy is fine and Labour, namely its cultural powerlessness. The last elec-tion saw many working-class necessary; to attack personal-ities with sinister and unanvoters in towns like Luton, Stevenage, Harlow, Corby and Slough voting swerable slurs like "Kim Il Sung" and "dark forces" is either daft or denotes a more Conservative. Most people below 35 could write all they know about social democracy and the welsinister agenda. To keep suggesting that the media whipped up the fuss is naive in the extreme. What did they

expect? I begin to wonder if they prefer being big fish in an Opposition pool. It would be more honest to join Arthur fare state on the back of a stamp. There are also hun-dreds of thousands of young, less well off voters who have Scargill than remain in the Labour Party as a fifth

not even registered. Roy Hattersley and Austin Mitchell are light years away I have always enjoyed Ausfrom these voters. The whole purpose of Tory soundbites and tabloid headlines is to tin Mitchell's witty, informed debate. Now I have the impression of a failed comic reach less informed C2s who whose wit, like Defoe's, has will be vulnerable to the drip-

defeats in a row. Their dissent, coming so near to the next election and with so much hostile media around, makes one question their commitment to the election of a government that just might begin to break the rightwing cultural and political stranglehold on modern Brit-ain. They deserve heavy cen-sure from their colleagues.

WANT to make the following points to Richard Burden, Paul Flynn, Clare Short, Austin Mitchell and any others with the arrogance to believe that they alone em-body the conscience of the

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Shame on politicians who want to stigmatise young offenders

~ @ Stove Bell 1996

BOB DOLE

PREDICTABLY, Jack Straw has followed Michael Howard's lead in calling for the "reintegrative or destroy.

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shaming" of persistent juve-nile offenders by publicising their identities (Howard may Teenagers who are short-term nuisances trying to "prove" themselves or find let 'ratboys' be named, September 2). The anonymity of juvenile defendents has excitement present a different, less serious problem. If the concern is to make a better, safer society, the relevant research should be read and been a central tenet of European and American youth-jusopinions sought from probatice systems for the best part of this century. It is based upon the belief, subsequently tion officers and others who, care about the child, not only his unacceptable behaviour. substantiated by research, that such stigmatisation can A few might warrant custo dial solutions to protect soci-

consolidate nascent criminal careers. The idea of "reintegrative ety but all need help with the task of acquiring a more posi-tive image of themselves. shaming", currently popular with both right and left, pre-Shaming cannot sumes the existence of a com-munity, reintegration into which will be desired by the young malefactor and his or **Heather Smith.** 6 The Limes, Spencer Gate, St Albans AL1 4AT.

her family. However, since the early 1980s, youth crime Rantzen retort and victimisation have been

JANET Parker, whose sev-erely disabled son lives at this home, complains that gritincreasingly concentrated in certain impoverished neighbourhoods. This is a consequence of, amongst other ics of the Rantzen Report (Letters, September 2) misundar-stood its purpose. We now learn that the programme was things, the redistribution of wealth in favour of the al-ready prosperous, long-term youth unemployment, irrele-vant and ineffective youthnot an attack on the home, but vant and ineffective youth-training programmes, reduc-tions in the eligibility for, and my invitation letter said on

Lay off Labour leaders

WHICH ONE OF YOU'S BEEN

TWEAKING MY PECKER?

SOD'S Law of the Labour Party states that, whenever the party is popular with the voters, some deranged MP creates a stir. Such politi-cians are often media lovers and have safe northern seats. They displace energy from the major problem facing

Peter Carabine. New England Street. St Albans, Herts.

Labour Party. Please will you stop kicking Labour Party members like myself in the teeth and concentrate on getting a Labour government elected.

Wednesbury.



outside powers barging into a delicate minefield. The chorus of silence yesterday in response to US threats of air strikes against Iraq was deafening, and a remarkable solicitude is being shown for Baghdad's sovereignty.

Turkey, while calling for Saddam to withdraw from the north, has stressed its support for Iraqi territorial integrity. Ankara is also appealing to the UN to reverse the postponement of the oilfor-food plan. There is a measure of selfinterest here, for a deal which would allow oil to flow through a trans-Turkish pipeline, but also a broader anxiety for an area of great security concern to Ankara. Though Jordan has repositioned itself at a greater distance from Baghdad, it too fears the knock-on effects of intervention. Lobbied yesterday by General John Shalikashvili and assistant secretary of state Robert Pelletreau, King Hussein made sure that his reply was disseminated by the official news agency. His form of words - that Jordan supported "the brethren Iraqi people and its (Iraq's) legitimate sovereignty rights over its territory" - was unequivocal on an issue which could

whether they had discussed Baghdad's offensive. Behind this lies not only a disinclination to upset the Iraqi applecart, but an equal or greater mistrust of the intentions of Tehran who - it is fully understood in the region if not further afield — was the first to join this latest, and increasingly murderous,

round of the tragic Kurdish game. Mr Clinton remains under strong domestic pressure to make some gesture comensurate with his election claim to have restored American international self-respect and credibility. Saddam Hussein has sent Bob Dole a free gift which the Republican candidate has no scruples in grabbing from the air. He accuses Mr Clinton of leaving it too late and behaving like a novice. The charge seems unjustified: once again Saddam moved fast and unexpectedly, showing skill in camouflage which is freely admitted in Washington. Some of Saddam's soldiers may well be sitting in Arbil now, quietly clad in civilian clothes.

Kurdish internal disunity destroyed whatever chance there may have been of effective Western patronage. This easily have been fudged. Egypt, also was probably always very slim. The visited by General Shalikashvili, has truth is that the Iraq-Iran theatre has was probably always very slim. The called even-handedly for an end to never been controllable from Washingbloodshed in Iraqi Kurdistan and for | ton - hard though successive presirespect for Iraqi sovereign rights. The dents have tried over several decades. If response from the Gulf States has been | Mr Clinton fires a few Tomahawks, or equally low-key. Saudi television man- | launches some F-18s, his main targets aged to report a telephone conversation | will be at home on the campaign trail.

### Different from you and me . . .

But not so very different. The lottery rich still like to work

fered by Camelot's own Winners' Advi- not just happen: it was the Work of God. sory Team that most people in their position want to give up. Is it really such extraordinary news? In an age where jobs are fewer to find and (we are always being sternly lectured) not available "for life", one might expect most people to seize the chance to let someone else take over. Yet every serious | same job as before. Winning the lottery study of social attitudes towards em- may disprove one-third of Voltaire's asployment has always shown that work | sertion that work banishes "those three is not only enriching but essential too. | great evils - boredom, vice and pov-We may be fulfilled at various levels, but to do a useful job of work satisfies a very basic necessity. From the age of soon find life incredibly boring. And hunter-gatherers onwards, human be- only a small exposure to vice would

OME AMAZEMENT seems to ties where, in a very literal sense, surhave been caused by the discov- vival depended upon shared labour. ery, through a survey conducted | Even when work became more specialby Camelot, that more than half of the ised, it was still seen as a "division of new millionaires created by them actu- | labour" in the interests of the commually want to carry on working. This nal effort. Work has been around from conflicts with the advice apparently of the very beginning. Even Creation did

So no one should be surprised because Mark Lund of Doncaster, after winning £5.5 million a year ago, has returned to work and invested in the company which employed him as a labourer. Nor that one in five of new lotterv-created millionaires are still in the erty." But the other two remain valid. Though no longer poor, the winner may ings have been members of communi- | reveal that that, too, can be pretty dull.

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### Not sporting

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T MAY be that Iain Sproat will repudiate the remarks attributed to him in your report (Political advice sought in bid for sports academy, August 29). If not, your read-ers may wish to know that:

 The Sports Council in its present form and membership is essentially the creation of Iain Sproat, who has presided over its affairs since spring 1993. So any imperfections in its performance must be at least partly his responsibility. • In late 1993, Mr Sproat over-turned a prior decision by his predecessors (Robert Atkins and Robert Key) to create a single UK body dedicated exclusively to promoting higher standards of sporting excel-lence. His alternative, diluted, proposals for reforming sports dministration announced in 1995 still await implementaion. Such bureaucratic delay, all Mr Sproat's responsibility, hardly helps British sportsmen and women to prepare for

the Sydney Olympics. If there is to be a National Academy of Sport (and the jury is still out on its likely efficacy), it will have to be pri marily funded from the National Lottery. However, by law, decisions on sport-related use of Lottery funds fall to the Sports Council, not Mr Sproat or any other minister. How his reported wish "to keep the

Council officials out of the process as far as possible" squares with the legal reality raises interesting issues propriety. David Pickup. (Director General

Sports Council 1988-93.) 15 Sandford Road. Bromley, Kent BR2 9AL.

HE London Arena Rally for Revival (Britain attacked over Islamist rally, August 30) is only the latest in a string of activities here by such dangerous extremists. Why is there only a fuss when governments complain? In Tower Hamlets we know this is a problem that has been building for some time. Complaints I have received include fly-posting of anti-Semitic statements and a pensioner threatened after taking posters down. This is not a one-off that will go away. (Clir) Janet Ludlow. Leader, Tower Hamlets Liberal Democrats. Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG.

massacres

inquiry.

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Nayland. Suffolk CO6.

Kevin Woolley.

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### Cracks in Crystal Palace plan

OXFORD suffers appalling | cross up to 11 lanes of traffic. traffic congestion and pol- A large area will be covered lution (Miniature Crystal Palin Tarmac, noise, and pollut-ing engines. The LMS buildace is under threat, August 31). Oxfordshire County traf-fic planners would like to peing has Grade II\* listed status, and is one of Oxford's destrianise the central shopvery few fine non-university ping street by creating a bus buildings. We would like it priority system, and divert-ing car traffic onto an unoffirestored and made a fitting gateway to Oxford as part of a cial inner ring road. The new direct pedestrian route. Must this building, like so much of four-lane road across the LMS site is to facilitate car flow our valuable heritage. fall in along this route. the path of the motor car? Unfortunately there are (Cllr) Sushila Dhall. laws in the plan. The route to Oxfordshire County Council

the railway station is daily Green Group. used by thousands of pedestri-County Hall ans who will be forced to Oxford OX1 1ND.

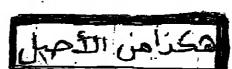
### Gun lover is an easy target

MARY Leigh's protesta-tions (Diary of a gun club HE freedom to choose between inanimate or living targets seems a distorted cormember, August 28) that shooting is an innocent purner to fight so vehemently suit simply do not hold water. Home Office figures for 1995 show that 75 per cent of all My concerns lie more with the growing availability of firearms and their relation to gun homicides were commit-ed with legally held weapons. violent crime. Many of the handguns which find their way onto the The analogy that males streets are stolen. Perhaps the first step should be the storage of "recreational" should be banned because of rapists is also deeply flawed. Unlike those who are male, those who shoot *choose* to own

handguns in areas just a little a weapon that is designed for safer than the average semi. killing. The sport offers no Alexa Baracaia. benefits to society. Instead it extracts a regular toll of inno-Abbotsbury Gardens, Eastcote, Pinner, cent lives in periodic Middleser HA5.

WAS undecided about the Ramoyle, Dunblane, Perthshire FK15. argument for a han on the ownership of handguns but now I have read Mary Leigh's MARY LEIGH speaks vol-umes on behalf of hundiary. I am convinced that a ban is the right way forward. dreds of thousands of shoot-She wholly fails to offer a ers like myself who have been convincing answer to her from Scafell Pike that demonised by a hysterical press in the aftermath of Dunown question - namely, is there a good reason for anyblane. The right answer to one to want a handgun? Are firearms legislation can never we really in the business of be achieved in the cauldron of risking further Dunblanes emotional argument. I, like Ms Leigh, await the objective and Hungerfords in order to allow Ms Leigh and her co-shooters to relax after a hard judgement of Lord Cullen's day at the office? Graham Downing. Graham James.

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value of, state benefits, the introduction of market mecha-nisms into public housing and consequent demographic this claim by Ms Rantzen, change, and the erosion of the repeated by Mrs Parker, I had capacity of local authorities to take action to counter these developments. Neighbourliness and a

sense of common purpose have been supplanted by fear and mutual suspicion. The revelation of the identities of the culorits will come as no surprise to residents in these neighbourhoods who, rather than wanting a list of names, urgently need a solution to the progressive ghettoisation of which serious and persistent youth crime is both a cause and a consequence. (Prof) John Pitts. Centre for the Study of Crime and Neighbourhood

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BEING shamed is what Children who are loved and want to please might respond to. It works only if you feel you are letting down someone who cares about you. It would be quite irrelevant for boys whose experience from an early age was of being unwanted and unloved.

outside the home. Not least of Mrs Parker's inaccuracies is her claim that my staff do not know how to communicate with her son, who cannot speak. They know exactly how to interpret his signs. They love him dearly and have communicated with him every day for five years.

Molie Kelly. Matron & House Governor, British Home & Hospital for Incurables. Without positive experiences, these children grow up pro-Crown Lane, London SW16 8JB.

### **A Country Diary**

THE LAKE DISTRICT: My | had the greatest difficulty in finding them again in the daughter-in-law's attempt to clouds among the piled "collect" Rough Crag, the only one of the 11 Scafell twoboulders and scree. To complete the 200 or so Lake Disthousanders she had not yet visited, failed on a miserable trict two-thousanders, my. daughter-in-law, after picking day of thick cloud and rain. up Rough Crag, has to collect three or four summits in the We even had to use the compass to locate Lingmell from the Corridor Route, so thick Pillar area, including Steeple, missed in thick cloud on a was the mist, and from the traverse of the Mosedale top of the steep screes down to Horseshoe last month, and Little Narrowcove only a few then finish off with Pillar feet of the descent could be Rock, an appropriate ending seen. Really, it was the thought that once she had to a modest achievement of which a grandmother can be collected the summit - aljustly proud. My son, who was brought up on crags by his father, should have no ways difficult to find in poor weather - she would have to crawl back up 700 feet of scree to rejoin the main highway tempted her to leave it for another day. Next time, she will try it from the Eskdale side. I remember helping my son to collect these summits from Langdale, more than 20 years ago, on a similar sort of day. We left our rucksack in the corrie, one of the wildest and roughest in the country, before collecting Rough Crag and Pen, one of my favourite Lakeland summits, and then he dale. A HARRY GRIFFIN

June 30; but the fax I received on June 27 was clearly critical of the home. When I first read to check we were all living on the same planet. Ever since the journalism

was accused of being "sloppy, misleading and unfair". Janet Parker and Ms Ranizen have attempted to rewrite history. Why? They have been unable to rebut the main charge against the programme. Quite simply, they got it wrong. Ms Rantzen's team used a hidden camera to buttress her claim that Ian's needs were not being met. She said secret filming showed Ian was not taken out to the annual fets; but a care assistant did take him. Furthermore we have photographs of him attending various functions inside and

difficulty in gently leading her, roped this time, up the road which I first climbed more than 65 years ago. I can well remember, on several occasions, sitting on top of the biggest crag in England and looking down the length of Ennerdale, completely have of trees, before the massive afforestation that completely, and hardly for the better, changed the appearance of

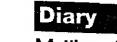
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FTER an increas-A ingly frantic series of messages, the Diary's Youth Culture Correspon-dent finally calls back. "It's John Redwood." he says, "my office said it was ex-tremely urgent." It is, I ex-plain. The Smurfs have entered the singles chart at number form for a first Dece number four (with I've Got A Little Puppy), and we need his analysis. "Ah yes, well, I know there's been a lot of controversy," says Mr Redwood, referring to his beloved Oasis's refusal to sanction a Wonderwall cover, "but I'm not a great fan myself." So how would you explain the resurgence in their popularity...post-modern ironic kitsch or the search for innocence? "I be-lieve in freedom... and as long as the Smurfs are doing nothing illegal," — nothing illegal? — "that's fine by me." Thank you. Finally, then, what are your thoughts on the acrimonious split with Father Abraham? "I take the view that if the original artist left them, that's his business." intones Mr Redwood gravely. "I'm sure Father Abraham knew exactly what he was doing."

HOSE stern moralists at London Underground maintain their splendid run of form. Fresh from banning a picture showing two men lying quietly in bed, and telling a charity that supplies gay men with condoms that it couldn't use the words 'gay", "sex" or "condom' in its advert. London Underground has tried to stop the soft drink firm Red Bull using a poster. The com-pany felt that in it, the can was deliberately portrayed as "a throbbing penis". However, LU then had a rethink and lifted the ban, having decided that, in fact, it resembles a bullet. Who'd have thought these people would find it so hard to make trains run on time?

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HE common perception of store security officers as the intellectual also-rans of crimefighting takes a ferocious battering in this month's Police magazine. One guard, so the Dogberry column reports, rang police to report the passing of a counterfeit note at a chemist's, Asked for the shop's name, the security man said he'd have to go over to the window, from where it was visible, and read the letters out one by one. since it was a foreign name. "P-H-A-R", he went, "M-A-C-Y."

TTEMPTS by Philip Labour appear to have been stubbed out. Not long after paying thousands of pounds into election coffers by taking a table at a Savoy gala dinner, the cigarette giant invited a num-ber of Labour MPs to the British Grand Prix at Silverstone (an outing worth about £1,000). The only one courageous enough to accept was Geoffrey Robinson, the plutocratic Coven-try MP and New Statesman proprietor. Mr Robinson is a very powerful ally, since he is close to Tony Blair, his sometime Italian house guest, and closer still to Gordon Brown. However, Philip Morris's pleasure was short lived: Mr Robinson cancelled at the last moment, and — a masterstroke of chutzpah, this sent his children along instead. What a cheeky fellow he is! N the Tatler supplement At Home comes a concep-tion of the perfect dinner party, with dream guests appearing in the style of a Renoir painting. And what an eclectic bunch they are, too...Quentin Tarantino and Jarvis Cocker, Kate Winslet ("Because she's the 'It' girl") and Jimmy Goldsmith, Prince Charles and **Hugh Grant ("Because we** want to know what makes him tick"). But who is this, wearing a boating jacket and an ingratiating grin? Yes, it's the Cypriot wine waiter Taki-George: "Because someone has to keep the champers flowing". MAN in Boston has killed his wife after a domestic dispute. The man. who is unnamed for legal reasons, took a kitchen knife, slashed her open, tore out her heart and lungs and hung them out on the garden railings, after she remarked that he had overcooked the pasta.

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# Union future is in mutual satisfaction

more open global markets, Commentary and especially now that con-sumers of public services are more demanding. Public trust remains low, and may fall lower if the postal workers re fuse to hold a ballot. But the biggest problem is that there has been so little original thought about what the unions might become. Hardly a day goes by without a new idea about what tomor-row's company should look like. Yet among the unions, there is nothing but silence. The best they can offer are ESTERDAY'S Labor

Day holiday in the US and next week's TUC congress in Blackpool should be moments for trade new restrictions to make it unions to celebrate. On paper, harder to sack people, harder to make them work long everything is going their way. Public confidence in managhours, and harder to casualise staff. It is as if all they have ers has hit bottom. Everyone, are potential new spanners in the works of capitalism, from civil servants to assembly-line workers, feels insecure about jobs, and workers, needs inse-cure about jobs, and workers are so fed up that unions are now winning three-quarters of the strike ballots they hold. Instead, there will be few celebrations in Blackpool. In the JUW mombarabilishes rather than levers to make its energies work for their members. Yet, in the long view, the need for institutions to look after people's interests at

the UK. membership has work is as great as ever. The fallen from 59 per cent of the workforce to 31 per cent. and world of work seems to be returning to an almost pre-in-dustrial model. More people among under-25-year-olds the figure is 7 per cent. The union record on winning better pay are working on shorter con-tracts, in smaller plants and offices, and with less security protection for members has, been fairly lamentable lately, not least because of the of tenure. More people are suf-fering from bad treatment and bad pay. Almost no one expredilection of some unions to walk into battles they were pects to have a job for life, or bound to lose. even very much security, and Their traditional tools have few expect to receive much

secome at best blunt - and at loyalty from their employers, worst counter-productive — in or to give much back.

At the same time, the rhetoric of politicians and business leaders about "empowering" people to manage their own employability, to buy into portable pensions and health plans, leaves people cold. Few people are psychologically ready or willing to be left en-tirely on their own, negotiating their own contracts and continually jumping jobs. We are in a position pre-cisely parallel to that of 150

years ago: then the chaos of the Industrial Revolution left millions unprotected becaus the old institutions - such as the guilds - no longer could deal with the daily reality of exploitation in the great mills and mines. The unions successfully emerged as an insti-tutional solution, a way for people to bargain collectively to share in the fruits of eco nomic growth.

Today that model of collec tive bargaining in big firms has become almost as redun dant as the guilds were in the Victorian era. The trade unions promise security but don't deliver it and, with most jobs being created in services and in small firms, there is a desperate need for a new institution on the side of the employee. which can deliver real benefits, rather than fine words

What follows is a sugges tion as to what that institution might be. We could call it the Employee Mutual. It as access to qualifications, or

charged with organising, managing and selling labour on behalf of its members, but shaped to fit the reality of rapidly changing jobs and much smaller firms. A worker might join it when young and then use it to provide a back-bone of continuity through a career which might include many different tasks and employers. It would be like a trade union, in that it would negotiate on your behalf, although just as often individwould also do all the things that the very best employers should do, but so often don't in an increasingly casualised

labour market. So, as well as taking responsibility for your employabil-ity — your qualifications and experience — it would also manage pensions and health-care, holidays and time off, and perhaps ensure that your

The trade unions promise security but don't deliver it. There is a need for

a new institution

time out of work was used as productively as possible. This might sound like a very new creature, but it would be more of a hybrid of existing types of organisa-tion. It would have some similarities to Manpower, which keeps many thousands of people on its books and then sells firms the labour of everyone from cleaners to software engineers. The EMs would share some features with professional bodies, like the BMA, which provide a point of continuity through-

out the working life, as well

two processes would probably

Saddam in 1991 was a mistake that could have been set right if the United States and its European allies had made the right moves. Instead, they did enough to save Kurdistan but not enough to sustain it, with

The argument has a certain the result that its political movements, which run on patronage, fell to squabbling

# **COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9**

There's no

would be an organisation | with co-operative actors' agencies and software programmers' co-operatives. There are also parallels in blue-collar work. In the early https://www.in/theearly 1990s, Instant Muscle acted as a gaffer, organising gangs of largely unskilled labourers, and in both the Netherlands and several Scandinavian countries, employee co-opera-tives have been used as a way of fighting unemployment. There is even such a tradition in the trade unions. The GPMU, for example, helps em-ployers to find print and graphics workers.

Despite the lack of a good legal form for the Employee Mutual, and despite the lack of tax advantages, each of these examples shows that there is a new need out there, one that isn't being met. But for the unions to make the transition would require nothing less than a revolution

in their structures and ethos. They would have to ac knowledge that all of the cur-rent fashions for offering commercial services, like credit cards, are at best marginal to their main role. They would have to bring in people far more attuned to the intricacies of the labour market. They would have to be as serious about skills as about pay.

But if they could make the transition to become Employee Mutuals, the rewards would be enormous. They would be in a position to shape an economy that is in-creasingly based on human capital rather than financial They would regain the public trust by offering a real alternative to the sense of pow-erlessness that many people feel about their work. And at a time when so many firms like to repeat the mantra that their greatest asset is their people, why not be the first organisations to mean it?

Geoff Mulgan is director of Demos. Hugo Young is away

> of pots and pans are constantly coming to the boil. The principal cook in this risky kitchen is, of course, the United States. It is hard to be overly severe, because Middle Eastern countries are neither colonies nor, in any full sense, clients, and they are all awkward customers. It is also true that, without the United States, neither of the have been set in motion. But American inattention and a lack of forceful decision-making at critical moments have certainly contributed to today's problematic scene. The failure to overthrow

financed from the dole money that won't have to be paid out, plus the extra revenue gener-ated by the taxes which the newly re-employed workers will pay.

beauty - and not just because fining people like the dreadful Cedric Brown will be popular with voters. It is also interover resources in a land vir nally satisfying in the way Instead, it looks as if I am tually without revenues. I that a mathematical proof can going to see broadcasts which

such thing as a free windfall the difference, on the basis of

weekend?

a promise that everything will come right next time around?

If so, what about that pledge of

"no extra faxes — even on the wealthiest" which Tony Blair seemed to be repeating at the

But now the Government Itself is stepping in to provide some extra slippage of its own. Ministers are trying to "per-



Ian Aitken

suade" the privatised utility companies to get rid of those KNOW a woman of admi-rable strength of character who succeeded in giving excess profits by the simple expedient of giving the money up smoking some 25 years ago only by promising herself that she would spend the money back to the customers. They believe this will deliver a double whammy by contributing to the feelgood factor while simultaneously spiritshe saved on all kinds of pleasurable indulgences. She has had a whale of a time ever ing away the crock of gold which is central to Labour's since spending what she charmingly calls "my Not Smoking money". economic policy. The Government's reasoning is just as logical as Mr Brown's - no excess profits, no windfall tax; no windfall tax, no policy. Interviewed yesterday, Mr Brown seemed to imply that even if the crock of gold had been dissipated, he would still so ahead aith his mindfall tax

Both she and her many friends are perfectly well aware that she would have needed to have smoked noth-ing but the finest Havana cigars during every waking minute of the 25 years to account for her actual expendi-ture. Yet no one criticises her for a piece of innocent self-deception; it was a jolly good way of giving up a noxious habit, and it may well have added a decade or so to a long, active and exceptionally useful life.

extracting some of the money from the fat cats themselves, by way of the kind of tax on the very rich which Tony But I couldn't help thinking Blair seemed to be ruling out of her little trick when Gordon on Sunday. Brown first announced his To borrow a famous phrase

go ahead with his windfall tax regardless. But this may not look either fair or practical

when the moment for action

finally arrives. So perhaps a

better idea might be to rely on

plan for a one-off "windfall tax" on the excess profits of the privatised utilities as a from a great man, I have a dream. It is that some day I will see a Labour Party politi-cal broadcast which begins in means of financing large-scale job creation. The wheeze eerie silence, accompanied by a sequence of film clips show-ing heaps of rubbish littering looked suspiciously like Gordon's Not Smoking money, wherewith an endless prosqualid city streets, clusters of gramme of good works could dossers sleeping in doorways, queues of homeless teenagers be paid for out of a sadly finite sum of revenue. Of course, Mr Brown insists waiting for a handout, empty factories standing derelict in deserted wastelands, train that this is a misrepresentation. He argues that the passengers waiting for trains money he intends to take from that don't come, OAPs limping past boarded-up hospitals on their aluminium sticks. Then, the fat cats of the gas, water and electricity companies will provide only the initial impefinally, a sepulchral voiceover tus - the kick-start, one (Gordon Brown's, perhaps) might call it — for getting people back to work. Therebreaks the silence to ask: "All of this has got to stop, hasn't after, the programme is to be it? But if you agree, you must also agree that it can't be changed by good intentions alone. It will cost money taxpayers' money. That is why Labour says, yes, if we are to have a Britain free of these evils, then there must be modest increases in taxation for all but the poorest among us. That is the truth, and we all

know it." Instead, it looks as if I am





# **Pressure cooker**

### Martin Woollacott on Middle East problems coming to the boil

HE Middle East is a sis of succession and of pur-pose afflicts the royal regime. region that needs constant managein Iran. the half-hidden ment, care, and srunrivalled. Saddam's outra-geous strike into Iraqi Kurdi-in power approaches

stan is only one of a number these developments. One of recent developments sug-gesting that both local and leads back to the West Bank, and one back to Kurdistan outside powers are in danger and Iraq, and the two chains also connect with one anof losing what control they have in the past exerted. A new Israeli government with no plan or vision of other, as Saddam dramati-cally demonstrated when he

attacked Israel during the Gulf war. The shifts in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, peace has undermined the Palestinian arrangements that, inadequate though they are, took so much work to bring about, while Yasser Syria and Jordan are related to the failure to achieve a stable settlement in the West Bank and to Israel's refusal, Arafat's quasi-state is rightly accused of misgovernment and corruption. Syria, on which the United States lavunder its new government, to contemplate handing over the

ished so much attention, has Golan Heights. gone into a mode of military | The Netany, readiness and deep suspirion; ment is incapat The Netanyahu govern-ment is incapable of forward of any and all western and movement, makes offers that Israeli suggestions. Jordan can only be refused, and has been upset by riors which seems to want to take up have challenged royal author- station at some non-existent ity. In Turkey, a Muslim fun- mid-point between peace and damentalist movement now war. It can only narrow Arashares power in government. fat's options, deepen his un-The smaller Guif states suffer ' popularity. harden him The smaller Gui states state: populating, harden that the two have a normon, that stove top on which an array this worrying regression, various obscure troubles. against his own liberals, and have this in common, that stove top on which an array this worrying regression.

go beyond the West Bank and the obvious stiffening of the Syrian position. In Jordan, the King sweetened his own peace agreement with Israel by forecasting it would lead not only to an acceptable deal for Palestinians in the West

Bank but to investment and economic growth that would change the lives of Jordani-ans on the East Bank. Instead of the promised prosperity. Jordanians face increases in the price of bread and barley,

hence the recent riots. The Kurdish-Iraq chain affects Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and the Gulf. The permanent cri-sis that is Kurdistan is a critical factor in Turkish politics. Without the votes of many Turkish Kurds displaced by war, the Refah Party might not be in government. More broadly, all politics in Turkey

is hostage to the Kurdish question. For Iran, as this weekend has shown, Kurdistan is a perfect theatre in which to provoke both Iraq and Turkey and to challenge the United States.

The two nodes of trouble scribed the region as like a

while, in Saudi Arabia, a cri- | handicap him in the contest | they both represent blocked sis of succession and of pur- | with Hamas. But the effects | movements toward settlemovements toward settle-ment. We only have to ask what the situation in Middle Eastern countries would be like if there was a democratic, federated Iraq on the one hand, and a respectable Palestinian state on the other, to see how salutary an impact that would have on the worrying situations just surveyed. Things happen in the Middle East, as everywhere else, by accident, or because of a mainly internal evolution in a particular country. Yet it is also true that the Middle is also true that the Minde East is a place where political forces are always on the watch both for shifts in the leadership or policy of their neighbours and for any relax-ation in surveillance by the outside powers which have always constituted the frame-mork of action there Theor work of action there. They are also on the watch for hesitation and fumbling - for

The element of uncertainty is growing, and the blocked processes of settlement in the West Bank and Iraq add to that uncertainty. The blocksigns that big plans are going wrong. Saddam may be the age tends to encourage risk-taking, and to fragment the most ruthless opportunist, but opportunism is a Middle patchwork of deals and politi-Eastern characteristic. cal arrangements which

keeps an imperfect peace. The world is faltering in face of A French diplomat once de-

T is arguable, too, that the West backed the least effective of Saddam's opponents in the broader Iraqi opposi-tion. While direction faltered over Iraq, a similar thing was happening over Israel. The posing the windfall tax doesn't immediately generate suffi-cient new jobs to deliver the forcefulness, in a pinch, of the Bush administration which, by withholding loan guarantees, swung Israeli politics on to a new track, was not

repeated by its successor. The US Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, toiled to bring about a Syrian-Israeli peace. But Rabin and Peres were not pushed hard enough, while Netanyahu was allowed to get away with the claim, during the election campaign, that he was as good a guardian of the Ameri-can special relationship as a Labour leader. An American thumbs-down might have lost him the election.

One of the unattractive and counter-productive aspects of American foreign policy has always been that of revenge. There is no government like that of the United States for holding a grudge. Whether or not there was a moment after the Gulf war when a limited reconciliation could have been reached with Iran is a subject of argument. But, if there was, it was not

taken, and the difficult policy of "dual containment" has been the result. This played an unfortunate part in deci-sion-making over both Iraq and Israel. In the first case, it inhibited any decisions that

might give Iran an advantage in a post-Saddam Iraq. In the second, it inhibited a hard hand on Israel, the local ally America needed against Iran. The Middle East is large with change. Many regimes are calcified, many leaders, whether good or bad, elderly, ailing or otherwise threat ened. Among these are Sad dam himself, Assad in Syria, the older royals in Saudi Arabia, King Hussein, Rafsanjani in Iran. The old guard in Israel --- in the shape of Rabin and Peres - is already gone. The Kemalist order in Turkey is being modified. Popular po-litical feeling tends to focus on new and sometimes clan-

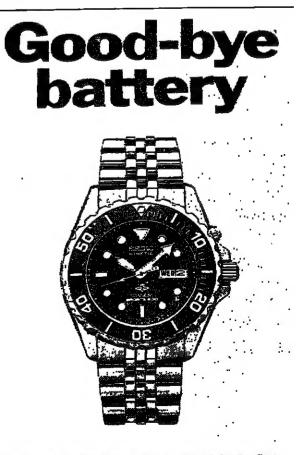
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movements.

be satisfying, because it all hangs together so logically. What is more, we'll be getting show us the film clips, but what we want without having to pay a penny more in tax. Of course, in the real world this sort of immaculate logic has a habit of slipping. Sup-

leave out the message. I fear we are going to be asked to put our faith in Gordon's Not Smoking money after all. PS. Is Comrade Blair aware that the term "social demo-

crat" dates from HM Hynd-man's Social Democratic Federation of 1881, a Marxist forerunner of the Communist Party of Great Britain? Maybe promised extra revenue — what happens then? Will the scheme be abandoned for want of funds? Or will the "democratic socialist". It's taxpayer be asked to stump up | safer.



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### **10 OBITUARIES**

#### **Brother Adam**

# **Secrets of** the hive

ROTHER Adam, | widespread. In the early 1930s | cally certified, and Brother who has died at the | he addressed the Scottish Bee- | Adam had begun preparawho has died at the age of 98, was once described as the Einstein of beeceeping. A Benedictine monk. he had been in charge of beekeeping at Buckfast Abbey in Devon since 1919, having been made a beekeeper there two years earlier. He achieved world fame as the breeder of the Buckfast superbee, for which he combed the Mediterranean countries and Af-rica in his search for suitable genetic material.

The bee combined all the qualities most sought by bee-keepers: a reluctance to swarm or sting and, when managed in the right way, an ability to produce large quan-tities of surplus honey. Yesterday, Joe M Graham, editor of the American Bee Journal, the largest and best-

known magazine in the field in the US, described Brother Adam as a source of inspira tion whose work and wisdom spanned two generations of beekepers in America.

Born in Germany as Adam Kehrle, Brother Adam entered Buckfast Abbey at the age of 11. His reputation was already growing when in the 1920s he became involved in the Ministry of Agriculture's re-stocking scheme, following the ravages of the so-called Isle of Wight Disease, which wiped out almost every bee colony in Britain, including those of the native British

Ljuba Welitsch

The fame of the young Ger-man monk quickly became resistance to the disease Acur-ine had already been academi-

A Salome

coached

has died aged 83, was one of the greatest opera singers to reach

international fame immedi-

ately after the second world.

by Strauss

#### he addressed the Scottish Beekeepers' Association at Kiltions towards the development of a bee with geneti-cally-based resistance to marnock on heather honey production. Later he was in-Varroa jacobsoni, a killer invited to speak at Cardiff and festation affecting bees in Newcastle. Production of the many parts of the world, and highly sought-after heather honey was one of Brother Adnow sweeping across England and Wales. am's specialities and his lec-But following a minor heart tures led to the first of many attack in 1991, when Brother publications which later be-Adam requested an assistant and nominated the man who came standard beekeeping works. Possibly the bestcould have taken on much of known was Beekeeping at the heavy work, his choice was rejected. The move

He was carried,

strapped in a cane chair, on an

expedition to Kilimanjaro in

before was out of the ques-tion, I resigned all connection search of one bee with the bee department mmediately. His choice of assistant Buckfast Abbey, which appeared first in a German-lan-

guage edition Brother Adam's Buckfast Bee, which earned hundreds

would have been Michael van der Zee, a Dutchman who vis-ited Buckfast regularly for 20 years to help Adam. and who once carried the old man in a of thousands of pounds for the Abbey in reproduction royalcane chair strapped to his back on an expedition to Kili-manjaro in search of one parties, revolutionised honey production around the world. But Adam's work, which ticular bee. could have pioneered further

reinstated.

Brother Adam commented: "The decision not to engage improvements, came to a halt in 1992 following an acrimoni-Mr van der Zee was taken ous difference with the newlywhile I was away in France. I was never given an opportu-nity to indicate the conse-quences that would inevitably elected Abbot of Buckfast, the Rt Rev David Charlesworth. At the time, the superbee's arise from this decision." He

North America, where bee-keepers threatened to withold

substantial royalties unless the old man's work was

Writing afterwards, how-ever, Brother Adam said:

Realising that to continue as



The venerable beckeeper . . . Brother Adam tending the hives at Buckfast Abbey

breeding potentialities of the new parroa-resistant bee would have demanded a close and constant watch over his colonies at all times of the

"This would clearly only be possible if I were reinstated and again granted the facili-ties provided throughout the years since 1919," he said. "Obviously there would be no point in my resuming charge without a competent assistant

remained unmoved. "Brother Adam is a member of this community, and I am sure that having been so for over 80 years he would consider himself a monk first and a beekeeper second," he said. "His work is unique," he conceded, "but he has only been able to carry this out because he has been a member of this community. I do not think that any reasonable person could imagine that any other institution would

drive, and when his eyesight was threatened, French beekeepers paid £5,000 for an op eration in Grenoble, which enabled him to continue. A prolific letter-writer, one could expect a typed reply al-most by return of post. His ambition was to live to 100. After receiving the last rites on several occasions and

ontinue as before

accepting invitations to meetings and addressing beekeep-ers around the world. Priachieved. He died in a Devon vately, he was deeply hurt. Brother Adam never lost nursing home close to the Abbey, where he had spent the last two years, his strong, southern German accent. He showed enormous His former assistant Peter Donovan has continued to run the Abbey's bee department with the assistance of young monks Brothers Daniel and Lawrence and on one of

his many visits to friends in the North-east, where he en-joyed good brandy, Brother Adam confirmed that the younger men were showing promise. making seemingly miracu-But uni

lous recoveries, it looked as use where Brother Adam was though his ambition might be compelled to stop, and develops a so-called green bee with built-in resistance to parroa. honey producers will be forced to continue the chemi-

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cal treatment of bees and hives, while the answer to varroa - once tantalisingly close — continues to elude them. Brother Adam might have provided that answer.

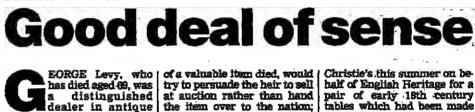
Kevin Rowntree

Brother Adam, Benedictine monk and beekeeper, born August 3, 1898; died Septembe

who would ensure the continhave supported him in this uation of the beekeeping and breeding potentialities at way Publicly, Brother Adam The Abbot of Buckfast



#### George Levy



Levy . . . art trade watchdog

furniture and an unofficial watchdog over less savoury fees for selling at auction are much higher than those for aspects of the art market, a fighter for the heritage, and a benefactor of museums. And

negotiating a sale to the nation. But for the owner, an auction sale is a gamble. Tugs of war sometimes followed, with the auctioneers on one hand.

Levy was in the thick of campaigns for the public good from the 1960s onwards, inpair of early 18th century tables which had been made for Chiswick House, an architectural gem in west London. The tables had escaped from the house at the end of the last century. They fetched al-

most £840,000, and will go back to Chiswick House, run by English Heritage. George Levy began his

working life in a biscuit factory and worked at Ealing Studios as a clapper boy. He

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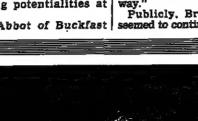
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war. When the Vienna State Opera gave its first guest season at Covent Garden in 1947, London heard Schwarzkopf, Jurinac and Kunz for the first time, but for many it was We-litsch who made the greatest impact, as Donna Anna in Don Giovanni, and the title role in Strauss's Salome, her most famous interpretation. "Who will ever forget the first Salome?" wrote Harold Rosenthal "Running down a

ramp from the side of the stage came a striking figure with flaming red hair who almost before she had sung a note had the audience in the palm of her hand."

Born in Borissovo, Bulgaria, her real name was Ve-lickova. She had originally intended to become a violinist, then went to Sofia University to study religious philosophy in which she eventually gained a PhD. Welitsch aban-doned her academic career in favour of singing lessons and made her debut in Sofia in 1936 with a small role in Charpentier's Louise. The following year she was en-gaged by the opera manage-ment at Graz, where she sang for three years, her roles in-cluding Mozart's Fiordiligi and Cherubino, Puccini's Manon, Mimi, Butterfly, and Hansel in Humperdink's opera. During the war she sang in Hamburg and Munich, and was engaged as a guest in Vienna, where Strauss heard her sing the Printemns

composer's 80th birthday in June 1944. During the post-war asons, after the destruction of the Staatsoper, Welitsch sang with the Vienna ensemble at the Theater an der Wien adding the roles of Tosca, Min-nie in Fanciulla del West, Jenuta, Tatyana in Eugene One-gin, and Nadya in Salmhofer's Ivan Tarassenko, one of her favourite parts, which she sang opposite Roswänge and Hotter

Naxas, conducted by Böhm. Strauss coached her in the

title-role of Salome, which she

sang for the first time for the

Welitsch, who | Composer in Ariadne auf |

After Welitsch's great Covent Garden success, she appeared frequently in Britain, notably with the Glynde-bourne company at the Edinburgh Festival, where she was greatly acclaimed as Amelia in Verdi's Un Ballo in Maschera.

She sang the soprano part in Verdi's Requiem at the Leeds Festival and returned to Covent Garden as Aida, Tosca, Lisa in Queen of Spades, Mu-setta in La Bohème, singing in English opposite Schwarzkopf's Mimi. Her most sensational role remained Salome, and she

reappeared in it for the notori-ous Peter Brook-Salvador Dali flowing, indestructible singing production in 1950. This, Lonline, is the extraordinary vital don's first taste of modern director's-theatre opera, caused a critical and audience furore out of all proportion to what had happened on the stage. Today the production would older opera-goers compared be considered conservative, however at the time it caused her part in the Triumph scene a scandal which was, wrongly, compared with the first night of Stravinsky's Sacre du quality lent a poignancy to her



An unforgettable Salome ... Ljuba Welitsch in the Brook-Dali production

Welitsch, singing in English, made Musetta and Jenufa nevertheless gave a great per-formance in which she demonamong her most admired interpretations. strated, in the words of Lord Harewood, "There is hardly a

Welitsch's international career, hammered by the war. was brief — she ceased singing major roles after 1954 — and came just before the era of complete recordings, so there climax that this uncannily free-sounding voice cannot surmount... Almost as remarkable as the actual sound of her voice, and the is comparatively little of her art preserved on disc. In the 1960s she played in many Ausity and energy". Her voice was large, with an trian film and television productions, as well as roles in the theatre, including Frank easy penetrative power. Marcus's The Killing of Sister George in Berlin. Welitsch Harewood, reviewing her Aida at Covent Garden, noted that returned to the Metropolitan in 1972 in the non-singing role of the Duchesse de Cracken-torp in Donizetti's La Fille du Régiment, with Sutherland ensemble with memories of Destinn. A beautiful silvery tone that made ber Salome and Pavarotti. She was convincingly girlish, and received with hysterical ap-

better-known cover of the song

plause by younger opera-goers and old fans alike. As late as 1978, Welitsch still appeared as a member of the Volksoper ensemble in Vienna, her roles including Czipra opposite the Zsupán of Erich Kunz, in Johann Strauss's Zigeunerbaron. Irmgard Seefried, recalling Welitsch's performances, wrote: "No voice has impressed me more than Ljuba Welitsch's... When she sang Donna Anna, I was over-whelmed by the velvet sound. But she gave too much of herself, and nature is fierce, for the price to be paid is high."

Patrick O'Connor Ljuba Welltsch, opera singer

born July 10, 1913; died August 31, 1996

seum and gallery admission charges. During the 1970s he argued that the British Rail Pension Fund was foolhardy in spending £40 millions on an "investment portfolio" of antiques and works of art. and he was right. BR pension-ers did not do particularly well out of the investment

cluding the battle against mu-

He was also very knowledgeable about the laws on inheritance tax which allow the handing over of treasures instead of money, and about the system by which someone

the heritage lobby and the museum or gallery on the other, and the owner in the who sells a treasure to the middle. Levy would be pull-ing hard on the heritage end nation receives a tax benefit. These matters can be extraordinarily complex. Levy gave of the rope. His firm, Blairman's, often generously of his advice to gave museums and galleries

museums and galleries keen to acquire important antiques and works of art in this way. trouble at no charge. Other dealers would not shrink This sometimes conflicted with the commercial interests of the auction houses. The

from extracting fees for this kind of work. auctioneers, when the owner

### Birthdays

Geoff Arnold, cricket coach, | 46; Graham Kentfield, chief 52; Caryl Churchill, play-wright, 58; Michael Concashier, Bank of England, 56; Alison Lurie, writer, 70; Richard McCormac, archi-tect, 58; Susan Milan, flau-tist, 49; Sir Michael Neu-bert, Conservative MP. 63; narty, Labour MP, 49; Dr Clare Burstall, psychologist and educationist, 65; Dr Francis Duffy, architect, 56; James Elles, MEP, 47; Prof Sir Mark Russell, chairman, Peter Goddard, master, St John's College. Cambridge, 51; Nicky Horne, disc jockey, Commonwealth Institute, Scotland, 67; Charlie-Sheen, actor, 31.

loved gadgets and was a pioneer in acquiring them. He bought one of the very first calculators, when they were expensive; on his desk when he died were a tiny television set and a clock showing the time around the world.

He was president of the British Antique Dealers Association, and chairman of the Friends of Kenwood. He was also closely involved in art and antiques fairs such as those at Burlington House

and Grosvenor House. Full of fun and jokes, a conversation with him might easily be in-terrupted by giggles and in-deed tears of laughter. He leaves a widow. Wendy, three daughters, and a son who is

in the family business. its services, advice, time, and **Donald Wintersoll** 

George Levy, antique dealer and tind of work. heritage campaigner, born May Re bid successfully at 21, 1927; died September 1, 1996

#### Death Notices

BROWNE, Peacefully on August 00th 1956. Louise O.B.E. F.R.A.D. wife of Dr. Semi vale lunesel at York Crassionium on Friday. September: 6th at 1.00pm. Service of Thanksgivents with take place later. No flow-ers please. It has been decided to set up a dence studiets award in her memory. These setsing to make donations are invited to forward herm, payable to: J.G. Reider & Sco. 48 - 50 Clarence St. York-Y03 TEW. reit-10904 55460

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#### Man-trap

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ject of the invention is to provide a device of this class emoodying a portable motordriven armoured tank or watch-box for the watchman, this box being equipped with peep-holes, gun-openings and other conveniences, and having on its exterior novel means for grabbing and holding the thief until assistance arrives. Maybe the answer to Michael

litz.com/site/wacky.htm. More amples tomorrow **Pained heart** 

THERE IS an old R&B. song that goes "I'd rather be blind,

as being particuarly hilarious, Than to let you break my but in Wright's hands it became a comic tour de force. "If I heart all over again." I used to love this song . . . but then an were a fish that had been cast upon the land," he laments, "I would stay there if you let me for me. "Why does he have to hold your hand." Now, even I be blind, crippled, and dead?" "How do you mean?" had to admit this couplet doesn't work. The whole fish/ hand thing is a real problem the only mental picture one can paint is desperately surreal, not desperately romantic and one would have thought the best way to deal with the line was to get the hell out of it as quickly as possible. But he compounds the problem by adlibbing after the first "if" clause, so that his version goes like this: "If I were a fish — and this is a bad situation to be in - that had been cast upon the ground . . . " This time there is no way around it. Snorting, derisive laughter is the only proper response. Once I'd rec-ognized the absurdity of this that should remain serious

well into your thirties, maybe fish lyric, the scales began to even beyond. But then somefall from my eyes .... time later I was listening to What worried me most about Wright singing. That's How O.V. Wright and his fish. Strong My Love Is and I experithough. was that it could set enced a similar sensation. You me on a terrible, dark, gloomy road leading all the way to clasmight not recall Otis Redding's

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isn't funny at all, ever. Nick Hornby fearing the end of the pain in his R & B, writing in the New Yorker. **Big scare** ARACHIBUTYROPHOBIA — fear of peanut butter stick-ing to the roof of the mouth. Bolshephobia — fear of

Bolsheviks. Cherophobia — fear of gaiety. Deipnophobia — fear of dining and dinner conversations. Enetophobia — fear of pins. Genuphobia — fear of knees. Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia — fear of long

words. Ideophobia - fear of ideas. Kyphophobia — fear of stooping.

Levophobia — fear of things to the left side of the body. Macrophobia - fear of long

Nephophobia - fear of clouds.

heaven. Papyrophobia --- fear of

sical music - which famously Syngenesophobia - fear of relatives. Triskadekanhobia - fear of the number 13. Vitricophobia - fear of stepfather. Zemmiphobia - fear of the great mole rat.

Just a few of the more unusual fears listed it www.sonic.net/fredd/phobia1.

#### Money talks

IN ENGLAND go to a magnificent hotel, sit in the lounge and drink orange juice. If a

are married. SEX

lunch. When you get to the restaurant and see the menu ask his opinion on what to order. If he suggests the lobster, this is promising. You can say something playful, like, "Oh, no, that's so boring." Discover what he likes to eat,

fust sit there and look pretty. f he's a gentleman he'll ask the waiter to send over a glass of champagne. If you agree to it, he will come and say hello ... Holiday resorts are good, but don't go in August when men are there with wives and children ... You can meet rich men on planes. Ask for the first row in economy class, and demand an aisle seat, then you can be seen by the first-class passengers when they board... The next step is to make sure he doesn't get away, get that phone number now! Most men ask for your number because they A good first date is drinks or

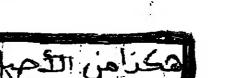
what music he likes. Ask him his favourite colour then buy a dress in the same shade and

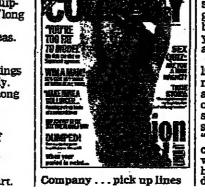
tell him you're wearing it just for him. The next step is to les suitable man catches your eye, look a little coy and smile. Later you can invite a man to come and join you, but at first it home — no nookie yet. After the first date, you

should get perfume and flowers. After a few weeks I'd er-pect jewelry and clothes. Send a thankyou note, and if he's sent you flowers enclose a few petals. Send it to his office and tantalise him. Don't sign it, just put on lipstick and kiss the card. He'll think you're gagging to ravage his wrinkly body ... You have only three months to make him fall in love with you," says Bienven ida, "after that snything could happen. He might die. Countess Bienvenida Sokolove famous for her kiss 'n' tell stories to the News of the World and her 21-year cureer in finding and seducing millionaires), giv-ing tips on "How to pick up a filting rich bastard" in Company magazine

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waits. Ouranophobia - fear of paper. Rupophobia --- fear of dirt.

"Well, surely just being dead would get the job done. Blind, crippled, and crazy? I don't know, it just seems a bit de trop." I couldn't believe it!

overanalytical and less im-pressionable friend killed it

He was poking fun at a soul singer! These guys had more or less invented pain and suffer-ing, and if O V Wright claimed he needed to be a corpse with three handicaps I was willing to take his word for it. Was it

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really possible that R & B could be funny — and, what's more, inadvertently funny? I dismissed the notion from my mind ... R & B deals with sex, pain, loss, love — things Howard's prayers. Found at col-



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# FinanceGuardian

Morgan freezes three trusts Falling foul of the

### Richard Miles and Paul Murphy

LANS by Morgan Grenfell to take control of the em-battled Kleinwort Benson European Privatisation Investment Trust were thrown into doubt yesterday after the asset management wing of the Germanowned investment bank suspended one of its top fund managers.

The company has also halted dealings in three of its unit trusts and begun investi-gating "possible irregularitles'

Of 10 suitors which have been fighting for control of the £500 million Kepit fund portfolios of the three funds. No more than 10 per cent of the funds under management for the past month, Morgan was widely seen as the leadare said to be "at risk", aling contender, given its exem-plary record in managing though the spokesman was unable to say when the inves-tigation would be completed European stocks. Industry benchmarks sug-

or when dealings in the three est its Irish-listed European funds would resume. Growth fund, which has "Of course we cannot spec-\$778 million under manage-ment, for the past five years has been the second-best per-former out of 112 such ulate on the extent these [losses] might be. But we will stand by our shareholders," the spokesman added. He said schemes a maximum of 10 per cent of But dealings in this invest-

the Morgan funds may have been held in "unapproved sement vehicle and two others run by by fund manager Peter Young — the £134 million MG curities". Mr Young, a well-known "risk-taker" in the fund man-agement world, drawn to the Europa and the £445 million MG European Capital Growth fund - were suspended while high-risk and high-potential Morgan and the industry rewards associated with fast-growing technology compa-nies, cleared his desk on Friwatchdog, Imro, carried out an investigation.

A spokesman for the invest-ment bank said the inquiry would centre on certain untors would be compensated for any losses suffered. The fight for control of Ke

August when Kleinwort Ben-son, which is owned by Frankfurt-based Dresdner Bank, hatched plans to spend £300 million buying back shares in the investment trust, which has had a disappointing performance record since it was launched in Jan uary 1994.

**Rival proposals were imme** diately tabled by several fund the TR European Growth fund, which has promised to take control of the trust, sell the assets and distribute the proceeds amongst Kepit's

7,000 shareholders. Morgan Grenfell is thought to have tabled similar proposals, and offered Kepit shareholders the option of swap-ping their holdings for stock in a number of its existing European funds. These are believed to have included the

three funds in which dealings were suspended yesterday. Morgan Grenfell insisted yesterday that suspension of the funds and of Mr Young had no direct bearing on the group's attempt to take con-trol of Kepit.

A spokesman said Mr Young would not have been in line to manage any Repit assets if and when Morgan's takeover offer was accepted. The Bank of Ireland is helping Imro with the investiga-tion into Morgan Grenfell's day. He was unavailable for comment last night. Morgan Grenfell said inves-European Growth Trust which is based in Dublin.

# Pressure-cooker lifestyle as too few control too much

control billions of pounds.

have stepped down at Mor-gan Grenfell because of the

After spells at two other top-rated City investment

houses, Mercury Asset Management and Equity &

stress level.

Mr Young, 38, is believed to

#### **Uchard Miles**

BE fate of Morgan Grenfell's star manager, Peter Young, demonstrates the tremen dons pressures under which fund managers can With the Government

Law, Mr Young inherited control of Morgan Gren-fell's two biggest investseeking to pass more of the burden for welfare proviment funds in May, 1994. sion on to individuals, in-He managed to maintain the top-level performance vestment houses like Morgan Grenfell are managing for these funds until about an increasing proportion of our savings and pensions. But doubts have arisen in six months ago, when a series of investments in high-technology companies recent months as to how efturned sour. fectively these huge house

are supervised. In the past week alone, the group of companies run by Robert Fleming, the UK private merchant bank, was fined £700,000 by Imro,

the City watchdog, which is responsible for monitoring investment managers, and now Morgan Grenfell is under investigation too. The need to perform in an

increasingly competitive market has put enormous pressure on the individual fund managers, who often

Ironically, Mr Young's predecessor at Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, John Armitage, quit for what he said was an eas-ier life -- setting up his own specialist investment busi-

Similary, Dick Barfield, 49, stepped down in April as head of investment at competitor Standard Life, Europe's largest mutual insurer, saying he wanted a quieter life.

It is going to get tougher still. A survey in March by Edited by actuarial group Caps found signs of an increasing concentration of funds in the hands of fewer managers. In 1995, 80 per cent of UK pension assets were man-aged by just 18 per cent of the total fund management industry.

In the meantime, the up-sexy business of back-office administration - settling share transactions and keeping up to date on all the paperwork — has be-come all the more vital.

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#### The top 10 UK fund managers

Total Assets manage Mercury Asset Management Prudential Portfolio Managers Gartmore PDFM Schröders E. Standard Life Norwich Union Legal & General Morgan Grentell Asset Management 10. Hill Samuel Source: Secon and Wood wiCAPS Inform



cided to move its investment banking operations to London and join them with Morgan Grenfell, is finding out the dealing culture of the Anglo-Saxon economies has its downside too.

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#### Wising up

Alex Brummer

Gec could have done without the kerfuffle surrounding George HE fund management in-Simpson's arrival as managdustry is beginning to look rather too accident prone. At a time when the public is being encouraged to ing director. Simpson was plainly foolish in accepting what turns out to be a softly drawn, long-term incentive package and GEC was unentrust ever greater sums in its hands — through tax ad-vantageous vehicles such as PEPs and defined money purcharacteristically careless in allowing it through. But the group was so intent chase pension schemes -- it is

on getting its new managing director to succeed Lord beset by scandal. Last week the fund manage-Weinstock, its guard seems to ment regulator Imro (which sprung to fame at the time of the Maxwell affair) came have been temporarily down. As a result the annointment at Friday's annual meeting, down on Jardine Fleming and may be rougher than was necessary even though the terms its London associate Robert Fleming after a senior fund manager diverted profits to of the service agreement have his own account.

now been tightened. What is most worrying about this whole incident, Now Deutsche Morgan Grenfell finds itself in the frame. In some respects this however, is the role of the GEC share options committee which includes two pillars of is the last group where one the Association of British Inwould expect irregularities. surers — Sir Christopher Harding of Legal & General and Ron Artus, formerly of Morgan Grenfell had more than its share of problems in 1986 when it became em-broiled in the share-rigging operation at Guinness and

the Pru. This pair of wise men should have recognised that eparate insider trading inthe terms of the deal did not ringements involving securimeet ABI guidelines. Share-bolders could best show their ties trader Geoffrey Collier. The loss of prestige and reputation, together with the virdissent at the meeting by giving Sir Christopher, who is tual closure of its securities up for re-election, a fright, operation eventually led Mor-gan Grenfell into the arms of

#### **Private enterprise** It might have been thought that, given past experience, Morgan Grenfell should have

HE Treasury has never budged from its line that the Private Finance Initiative is a high profile project and the last word in prinisms inside UK investment houses, be they Barings, partnership, despite having to nurse it from one public relastart to go wrong. So competi-tive is the world of invest-was launched four years ago. Which is why the appoint-

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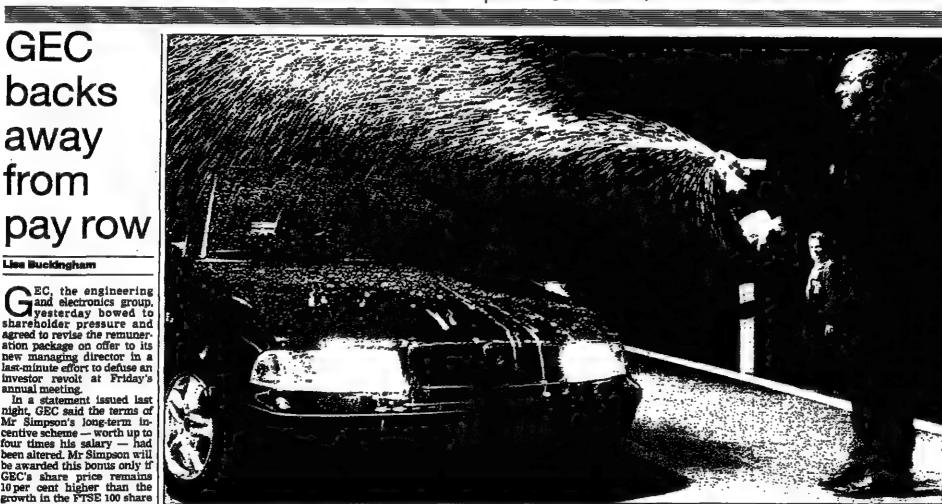
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EC, the engineering Jand electronics group. yesterday bowed to shareholder pressure and agreed to revise the remuneration package on offer to its new managing director in a last-minute effort to defuse an investor revolt at Friday's

annual meeting. In a statement issued last night, GEC said the terms of Mr Simpson's long-term incentive scheme -- worth up to four times his salary - had been altered. Mr Simpson will be awarded this bonus only tf GEC's share price remains 10 per cent higher than the growth in the FTSE 100 share index for three years, compared with the period of six months set in the original contract

The alteration was agreed following a meeting between Lord Prior, GEC's chairman. Mr Simpson and representatives of the Association of British Insurers, the trade organisation whose members Barsh Ryle control about one-third of all shares. GEC said Mr Simpson had accepted the new terms, and added that the package now conformed with the ABI's guidelines on perforvey out today mance-related pay at top companie

GEC has tended to adopt a maverick approach to corpo-rate governance matters, but was faced with a wall of oppo-1969 sition from large shareholders over Mr Simpson's contract, which is potentially worth £10 million in the next five years.

Investors have been outraged not so much by the £600,000-a-year salary plus annual bonus but by what they regarded as undemanding performance criteria ated to a lucrative "phantom" share option scheme. Shareholders will not be

given the chance at the annual meeting to vote on the remuneration package. Instead, any dissent will centre on the resolution to elect Mr Simpson to the GEC board essential if he is to take over male victims of the pensions as managing director from mis-selling scandal. the ageing Lord Weinstock. Nurses and other health The company is also conworkers loom large among

cerned that the re-election of Sir Christopher Harding - a member of the remuneration committee which agreed Mr Simpson's package -- could provide a focus for heated ishate.

these employees may not be Remuneration experts said compensated. the original scheme breached the ABTs guidelines, which Dunbar, Hill Samuel, General are designed to make clear Accident, Commercial Union. the performance terms that shareholders find acceptable.

Cheers ... Czech premier Vaclay Klans baptises with Champagne the Skoda Octavia, whose health is vital to his country's economy Anorograph Tomas Turge

## House price rise 'fastest since 1989'

changed at 5 per cent. Al-though prices paid by first- OUSE prices are rising time buyers rose by 0.7 per cent in August to 5.9 per cent faster than at any time since the boom seven above a year ago, new house prices fell for the second years ago, according to a sur-The Halifax building socimonth in a row. The Halifax data brings ety says that annual price fresh evidence of buoyant growth in August rose to 5.7 consumer confidence. Sepaper cent, the highest year-onrate figures published yesteryear increase since October day showed that rising consumer spending boosted the The Halifax welcomes the relatively small monthly infortunes of the factory sector

in August. The Purchasing crease of 0.5 per cent in Managers Index, a snapshot of hard-pressed manufactur-August as proof that the upturn will be sustained.

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were persuaded to opt out of

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But the union fears that 150 of

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It leaves its prediction for ers, showed that the sector ures will be among the last strong rise in the amount of price growth this year ungrew more strongly in August that the Chancellor, Kenneth cash in circulation, traditiongrew more strongly in August than City analysts were pre-Clarke, will see before meet dicting, with the index reach ing Bank of England governor ing 51.8. Manufacturing output gree

at its fastest rate for 16 months, while prices in the sector continued to fall, said Peter Thomson, director gen eral of the Chartered Institut of Purchasing and Supply. "Overall, although growth is well below the levels we saw in 1994, it is heartening to see a gradual upturn in activity, following the slowdown ear-

Eddie George tomorrow for the monthly meeting on monetary policy. Most City analysts refused to dismiss the possibility of another 0.25 percentage point cut, but said the proba-

bility of any reduction in base rates this month was significantly lower as a result of the fresh signs that the economy is doing well enough without further stimulation.

The housing and factory fig-

ally regarded as a guide to levels of consumer demand of consum should also give Mr Clarke pause for thought.

Andrew Cates, an analyst at UBS, said: "Faced with this set of figures the chancellor would be hard pressed to per-suade financial markets that a base rate cut is justified at the moment — though there is some risk that he will be inclined to ease policy again to suit his political objectives."

They warned that another Outlook, page 12

ment banking and asset management that there is a tendency for senior officials run the PFI panel seems surto be blinded by success rather than asking pertinent for the Government that the guestions.

been particularly wary of aggressive young dealers bear-ing profitable gifts. But this is where the control mecha-

Eleming or Morgan Grenfell

Deutsche Bank.

In the case of suspended both to answer critics and to manager Peter Young, he had shown an ability to deliver enable the Chancellor to use it to trim public spending furthrough the European Capital ther in the coming Budget. Growth Fund and the Euromight have been expected. pean Growth Trust. The latter's 165 per cent rise, making somebody well known to to it the second best performing the property giants, banks and legal firms who have crit-European equity fund, is

highly impressive. But it ought also to have been a red flag. In the markets Mr Young was known for his interest in high-flying technology stocks, his willvices company which may be ingness to take risks and to have a punt on unlisted secuwell known in the world of PFI, but which is not so well rities before quotation - a dramatic way of outperforming everyone else. But the pressure of producing the

high returns which Morgan Grenfell gratefully accepted plainly brought its strains. Now Morgan Grenfell finds investigations. It says that the full reparations to investors. Deutshe Bank. having de-process is working.

known anywhere else. Mr Steeds is, however, a good choice in one respect. His company, Serco. is shortlisted for three projects (the Manchester Metro Link, the Worcester General Hospital itself again at the centre of and the Defence Helicopter Flying School) which have losses, if there are any, will be limited to the three trusts in which Mr Young was in-or future projects Serco is which Mr Young was in-volved and that there will be full reparations to investors. on strate just how well the

#### **Bosses shun 'fat cat' label as** nuclear company is sold off

Nicholas Bannister **Technology Editor** 

ary. This compares to the 35 per cent they could get when the company was in the public sector. New chief executive Peter

sations, the AEAT offering is

aimed mainly at institutional

investors. However employ-

ees are being encouraged to become shareholders right

from the start: each employee

will receive £160 worth of shares free and will get extra

free shares if they invest fur-

ther in the company. AEAT

claims it carries "no signifi-

cant nuclear liabilities" since

these have been left with the

UK Atomic Energy Authority.

DIRECTORS of AEA Tech-nology, the specialist Watson, who has just made a science and engineering busi-ness spun off from Britain's £4 million profit following the takeover of the Porterbrook rail leasing company, said AEAT did not have the scope state-owned nuclear industry, are seeking to avoid being branded boardroom "fat cats" for boosting profits by further as the company is sold off in probably the last privatisacost cutting. The company has cut its workforce by 1,100 tion before the election. over the past two years. Unlike most other privati-

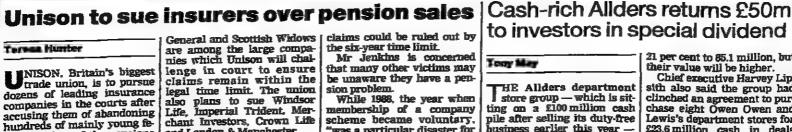
The board plans to distribute 5 per cent of group profits each year evenly to all 3,500 employes in the form of shares, and employees will be entitled to take part in the company's share option scheme.

However the pathfinder prospectus for the group's expected £200 million placing at the end of the month shows that the executive directors will be entitled to perforlated bonuses worth up to 40 per cent of basic sal-

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lier this year."

and London & Manchester. Glyn Jenkins, Unison's pensions officer, said: "We are dissatisfied with the progress being made by the life and pensions industry. We feel that we must move now to protect our members' posido so. tion and we are asking any member who believes they have been given misleading advice to get in touch immedi-

ately." The union is seeking compensation for more than 700 Sun Alliance. TSB, Legal & members but believes that 150 pension schemes.

scheme became voluntary was a particular disaster for local government employ ees", Mr Jenkins pointed out that since then new employees had to opt into a scheme rather than opt out. "We know large numbers failed to A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers denied members were dragging their feet and said they faced "very real difficulties" obtaining appropriate information from company

pile after selling its duty-free business earlier this year — is to return £50 million to shareholders through a pecial dividend. The group, which is also to reduce its share capital by exchanging 15 new shares for every 19 existing shares, said details of the dividend payment and reverse stock split will be sent to shareholders as soon as Inland Revenue grants the appropriate clear ances. After the reverse split, the number of the group's contribution shares will have decreased by the first year.

#### to investors in special dividend 21 per cent to 85.1 million, but their value will be higher.

Chief executive Harvey Lip-sith also said the group had clinched an agreement to purchase eight Owen Owen and Lewis's department stores for £23.6 million cash in deals first mentioned in August. Allders will undertake a £15 million refurbishment of the stores - located at Leeds. Coventry, Oxford, Ipswich, Basingstoke, Ifford, Redditch and Slough — which made an

#### operating profit of £291,000 on sales of £76.2 million in 1995. Mr Lipsith added that although the new stores would Belg Can

fit in well with the group, he did not expect them to make a contribution to earnings in

### **12 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS**

The Guardian Tuesday September 3 1996

Government actuary gives fund secrets to franchise bidders 
Angry trustees fear surpluses will be creamed off

# **Rail pensioners shunted into sidings**

Kellih Harper Transport Editor

IDDERS for new private rail franchises have been given confidential

ernment on the pluses in the British Rail pension fund as part of the effort to bolster the speedy sell-off of the rail network.

Disclosure of the details of the £10.5 billion pension fund to the bidders - including the French transport conglomerate which is taking over South East Trains - has

alarmed the fund's trustees. They fear the surpluses will be creamed off by private companies and treated as a windfall gain. The dispute between the

Government and the pension fund trustees is revealed in a

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tion has been compromised. The Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, has been data by the Gov-on the vast surtold that Mr Daykin has broken the trustees' confidence by providing details of the surpluses, which could be used by the new privatised rail operaters to reduce the cost of employment by taking a pensions holiday until the year 2003. The lower cost of funding will make it cheaper to run the railway franchises commercially. The chairman of the BR

pension fund, Derek Fowler, strongly protests in an angry letter to the Government-appointed rail franchise direc tor, Roger Salmon, about the contents and circulation of a memorandum containing de-tails of the surpluses, "The series of confidential letters obtained by the Guardian. The letters show that the Government actuary, Chris

Farnborough Airshow/ European challenge to US dominates day, Simon Beavis reports

**Heseltine backs** 

**Euro-aerospace** 

find increasingly difficult to

pay," he warned. Exports would be the main casualty of

Mr Heseltine was echoing the thoughts of British Aero-

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the interests of more than 300,000 people, is one of the

., w BR pension fund chairman's letter to franchise director lar level at this stage is totally unacceptable to the trustees." been built up since national isation in 1947. At the start of privatisation, it fought off an The fund, which looks after

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biggest in the country, having

Riv attention has been drawn to a note by the Government Actuary's artment . . . given to bidders for the tranchise to operation the South Eastern Trains Company... I search protest in the strongest possible terms against the nts and circulation of the memorandum in its soggestions relating to a possible level of surplus and to the possibility of a future contribution holiday for the employer."

The trustees acted after discovering that the actuary's department had issued a emorandum to bidders for South East Trains, the latest part of BR to be privatised. The memorandum pointed

compromised.

is due to lower pay increases, of the trustees. In an equally strong letter a decline in the number of to the actuary. Mr Fowler people in the indusiry and says: "It is not possible for a better investment returns. He Government actuary to consuggests that the new owners tinue to advise the trustees of South East Trains, the except on the basis of mutual French transport conglomerate CGEA, would not be obliged to make any further confidence and trust. This cannot survive actions likely to compromise pensions contributions for

their the next seven years - the independence. Mr Fowler says that the acduration of the franchise. tuary's revelations to private Mr Fowler makes it clear in his memorandum to Mr bidders are "wholly unacceptable", and inconsistent with his role as an advisor to the BR fund.

A further letter to the Transport Secretary reminds the Government that the fund's independence was guaranteed by ministers dur-ing the privatisation debate.

He describes Mr Daykin's action as inconsistent with his status and stresses that 'prudence and courtesy would have suggested prior consultation"

The actuary's move and the | increase in the fund's surplus | which are the responsibility | the franchise director asserts that he has been asked by the Government to consider the question of "obtaining value for money for the taxpayer over such a surplus, and prospective windfall gain to new franchise operators".

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But Mr Salmon has agreed to amend advice to new bidders, noting that they must not assume they will be allowed a pensions holiday so that they can use the money

for their own purpos Mr Fowler, who has this week handed over the chair-manship of the fund to BR's finance director, James Jerram, said last night "It is now up to the trustees to decide whether the present situ

ation is satisfactory. "Private companies should not be allowed to dip into a pensions fund for their own

"We are looking after the interests of more than 300,000 people and cannot allow

In a reply to Mr Fowler by others to take advantage of Mr Salmon, dated August 13, the fund."

# **Boeing lambasts** Airbus project for superjumbo

Bean aircraft maker, Airbus, launched into a furious war of words over the viability of the next generation of superjumbo aircraft yesterday. The US manufacturer claimed that making a plane to carry more than 600 passengers "financial would be suicide

The Airbus consortium is increasingly convinced that a market exists for such an airliner. In reply, Boeing launched a public relations offensive to try to win support for its propos-

als to develop its existing 747 with more capacity and extra range. Boeing claimed that an aircraft of the dimensions being considered by Airbus able to carry nearly 1,000 all ecohomy passengers or 620 in three classes -

would be economically unviable and potentially unsafe. The Europeans dis-missed these claims as

Number crunch Forecaste of demand for 600-okus sant aircraft Boeing' Artan BAe Desa Aerospatiala McDonnell Douglas Rolls Royce Genetal Electric 509 535 Airbus Inclusive pertress.

on the need to justify the huge costs of developing a totally new airliner rather than reality. He poured scorn on the Europe sortium's estimate that it could deliver the ASXX pro-

gramme for as little as \$8 billion (£5.2 billion). Boeing's own plans to de-velop derivatives of the 747 would cost more than \$5 billion, he said

By contrast he said earlier joint studies with Airbus, which were terminated only 18 months ago, had unanimously con-

844 'self-serving''. Behind the row, which cluded that to develop a broke out on the opening new superjumbo wor day of the Farnborough cost between \$12 billion Airshow, lies a battle for and \$15 billion. "We came up with joint numbers and concluded custom from some of the world's fastest-growing airlines and Boeing's determithat even half this programme was financial sulnation to exploit its monopoly in producing the biggest cide," Mr Woodard told a commercial aircraft. Airlines including Britpacked press conference. Boeing used the show to ish Airways, Cathay Paannounce orders worth cific, Malaysian Airlines \$6.5 billion from a string of airlines led by British Airand Singapore Airlines ways, which is ordering 747s at an accelerating pace have been reluctant to commit themselves to buying large planes from Boeing until they see if Airbus can and boosting its fleets of 7778 and 757s. But Boeing notably failed to unveil a davelop a rival. Airbus' challenger, the A3XX, will be at least three years behind Boeing's launch customer for the newest versions of the 747. Airbus was unable to make a full presentation to planned 500 and 600, both the press yesterday after the floor of the press tent derivatives of the 747 although with new wings, new engines and more modcollapsed — just as Boeing was making its presentaern systems Ron Woodard, president of Boeing, said that the company forecast demand tion. The European consortium is expected to announce orders worth over the next 20 years for nearly \$3 billion today. Sources close to Airbus only 470 aircraft with a capacity of 500 seats or acknowledge that it will more - compared with Airhave to spread developbus' bullish prediction of ment costs by involving other pariners. The name of McDonnell Douglas has Mr Woodard said that the Airbus forecast was based | been mentioned.

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CHAEL HESEL- US and with new partners in secured by a US defence bud-TINE yesterday the Far East. "The Govern-brow his weight ment recognises this process by much more generous TINE yesterday threw his weight behind moves to has got to go forward and is speed up integration of therefore looking for ways to Europe's aerospace industry, as it emerged that British bring some urgency to that," he said. Aerospace wants to achieve But he acknowledged that there was a political hurdle. in that individual nations

unification of the industry --possibly in one company within five years. The deputy prime minis-ter's wholehearted support

for the integration of European manufacturers marks a significant change of tone for a politician who has learned to stifle his Euro-enthusiasm after the Westland crisis saw him resign from the Government and, more recently, in the face of Conservative div-

isions over Europe. Speaking at the Farnbor-ough Airshow, which he had space, which increasingly realises that time is running out for Europe if it wants to earlier opened, Mr Heseltine made it clear that aerospace companies in Europe had to world's export markets. try to match the aggressive moves towards consolidation which, in the US, have produced the dant Lockhee

still saw aerospace and defence producers as strategi-cally vital, with many firms remaining in state control. years we will have failed." "There's a price for politics, and it's a price Europe will

GEC --- an idea it has previ-ously resisted --- when George chief executive of BAe, takes over this week as GEC's managing director. But such a stone towards wider Euro-

pool its resources and take on American companies in the Confidence that greater BAe is keen to see the suchas been enhanced by Airbus eases of the European Air-Industrie, the four-nation consortium which hopes this bus consortium extended more widely, but knows from er to sign an agreemen

get twice that of Europe's and research and development funding from the government. The company has set itself

a target of achieving integration within five years, al-though officials admit this is highly ambitious. Stressing the urgency of the situation, one official said: 'If we are still British Aerospace in five

BAe is now thought to be happy with the idea of combining with its domestic rival Simpson, previously deputy move is not seen as a stepping

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Salmon that the disclosure out that the true assets of the will make it "extremely diffifund had been too modest and that the surplus could be cult" for the trustees "to agree to any proposal for an employer contribution holimore than 20 per cent of liabilities. The ownership of day for fear of being considpension-fund surpluses has long been a matter of dispute. ered to have taken into account matters which they but they are normally deought not to have done". Mr Fowler's letter urges Mr Salmon to withdraw all references to the level of surplus and how it might be applied. He also asks Mr Salmon to ensure that future franchis-

Martin combine and, more bitter experience how hard it recently, seen Boeing acquire Rockwell for \$3 billion (£1.9 billion) Mr Heseltine said: "The

process is unstoppable, and it is very desirable."

He made it clear that, by pooling its resources, European firms would get access to more sophisticated and more valuable collaborative by the ever more powerful US programmes, both with the contractors, which are

more sensitive defence areas. Its recently agreed deal with body to a plc-type company. The four partners — Aero-France's Matra to form a spatials of France, BAe, Dasa 50/50 missile joint venture of Germany and Case of Spain took three years to negotiate. - are carrying out individual Executives are being audits of their businesses thead of detailed negotiations spurred on by worries that the world market for defence about the financial shape of products will be mopped up

the new company. There are separate moves to try to incorporate the AIR

regional aircraft venture be-tween BAe, Aerospatiale and Alenia of Italy into Airbus following AIR's success in nesotiating an exclusive deal with China and Singapore to produce a 100-seater airliner. There has been speculation also that Saab of Sweden, already linked to BAe in the de-fence field, is keen to join the consortium via the A3XX "superjumbo" project.

Officials believe the Airbus set-up could provide a model for wider restructuring where the entire industry is grouped under one giant holding company. But they recognise that a number of models are possible, including separate groupings for civil and mili-tary defence businesses.



Anxious builders wait for a lift in flat market

OUTLOOK/Buyers seem to prefer older homes to new ones, reports Tony May

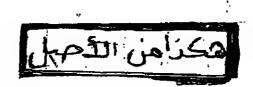
Our high quality texts, videos, audios and computing materials together with tutor support, informal study groups, day schools hanging fire? and residential schools have been given the highest rating of 6.5 per cent fall in new orders to £2.53 billion over the first And over 10.000 managers have already studied for their MBA half of the year. Completions were down by a similar

the leading companies in the sector have been consolidat ing to take advantage of that This may partly reflect an long-delayed recovery.

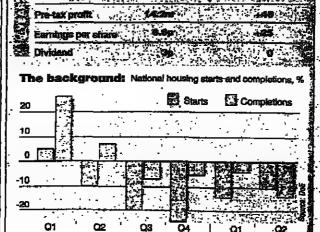
attempt by Wimpey and Beazer, the industry's top two builders who accounted for 12.5 per cent of new homes built last year, to restore their margins by building fewer, more expensive, home But there is also evidence that demand is down - the House Builders Federation says that the level of visitors to new sites is down 7 per cent on a last year - and some

in Yorkshire and the eastern counties by bringing in exposure to Wales and the South West. It has also strengthened Persimmon's exposure in the South East where the first stirrings of a pick-up in demand have been detected. The chairman, Duncan

pegged at 3p but Mr Davidson said: "As soon as the full benefits of the acquisition have materialised we expect to continue our objective of a progressive dividend policy.' But the company's shares, which reached a 12-month high of 242p in April, gained just 1p to 215p on the results. It seems that, like house buyers, analysts believe things are getting better but are not keen buyers yet. They offices. It is trading from more



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F THE housing market is possibly 5 or 10 per cent above picking up, then why is the dismal figures for 1995. picking up, then why is recovery in house-building But some pundits say that uncertainty created by the gen-The industry has reported a | eral election could postpone a strong pick-up in sales until

well into next year, possibly until next August. Against this background amount but the second quarter showed an accelerating decline of 10 per cent.

> Wimpey has swapped construction for Tarmac's housebuilding arm to dominate the industry and the City will be keen for an update on pro-

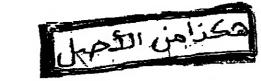
gress when Wimpey reports a dip in profits of some 5 per cent to about £1 million today. The first result from the sector has come from Persimmon but this provides little City analysts say the secondhand market has grown at the expense of new-build The industry thinks the

worst may be over and exfrom Trafalgar House. pects to see a moderate improvement in new starts in the second half of this year ---

clue as a whole since this York-based housebuilder jumped from eighth to fourth place in the industry table when it paid £177 million in February to buy Ideal Homes

The deal increased the group's size by 50 per cent than 300 sites and in the first are not keen buyers yer. In with Ideal complementing the half of the year sold 2,696 see better value elsewhere.

before a £3 million reorganisation charge — was in line with City forecasts and included a four-month contribution from Ideal. Persimmon has closed Ideal's head office, and closed or merged six of its subsidiary



# **Hingis blows** away sad Sanchez

Stephen Blerley at Flushing Meadow

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or overhit. The Spaniard danced up and down with up-disguised anticipation of a

N A morning so pure and bright, the skies having been scoured of clouds by Hurricane Edouard's near miss, that every detail of New York seemed etched in fine pencil, Martina Hingis gave youth its glorious fling with a 5-1, 3-6, 6-4 win over the third seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario to reach the quarter-

finals of the US Open. It might have been over all the quicker had the English umpire Jane Harvey not over-ruled a call on the Spaniard's serve at a crucial moment in the second set. The new baseline camera used by USA Network, which shoots at 800 frames per second, clearly showed the ball dropping on the line. Harvey said it was

Sanchez Vicario, having been comprehensively out-played in the first set, took that game 4-3, and Hingis immedi-ately slewed her racket across court in a show of petulance. For some time the 15-year-old Swiss girl brooded; there ap-peared every chance she might spiral quickly to defeat. They had met only once before, ear-lien the provide the provide lier this year in America, when Hingis had likewise taken the first set at a gallop

only to lose the match. Senchez Vicario, beaten by Steffi Graf in this year's French Open and Wimbledon was perfunctory.

Anna Kournikova, the

less experienced. The young gust when she missed the line

quick, final kill. But Hingis is learning; ear-lier this year, in Australia, she had reached her first Grand Slam quarter-final, losing to South Africa's Amanda Coetzer, who has also moved into the last eight here. Then, mto the last eight here. Then, in the Italian Open, Hingis made it to her first major final. There she lost to Con-chita Martinez, but she had beaten Graf on the way. Yesterday she broke back against Sanchez Vicario,

playing some wonderfully fluid and mature tennis against an opponent who never knows when she is beaten. "I think I played pretty smart." said Hingis, and so she did. That on-court temper remains a problem to be addressed, but this was, after all, an extremely tense

match against an opponent who is well known for her gamesmanship. Needless to say Sanchez Vicario had her own moments of glaring at line judges, at one stage standing at the back of the court for a full minute after Hingis took a 4-3 lead having benefited herself from an overruled call, this time a correct one, but one the Spaniard could not believe.

Hingis broke serve again for 5-3, lost her own rather nervously but then disposed of her opponent, instantly breaking into a jubilant jig. Sanchez Vicario's handshake

other lö-year-old playing yesterday, was altogether less successful, but then she is far

Russian lost 6-2, 6-1 to Graf, the top seed. Kournikova's time will come soon enough.



Backhanded compliment . . . Hingis on the way to beating Sanchez Vicario

# **SPORTS NEWS 13**

# **Jockey Club in** safety dispute

Chief medical officer resigns over Southwell use of paramedics. Chris Hawkins reports

OLLOWING the death of the jockey Richard Davis in a fall at the credentials of their ambuof the jockey Richard Davis in a fall at Southwell in July lance staff. there has been concern about whether the Jockey Club is taking racecourse safety seriously enough.

Racing

It is not just the media which has expressed doubts, but the Jockey Club's chief as we will do next Monday which is our last meeting for medical advisor. Dr Michael Turner, who says he will resign at the end of this year. two months. Turner feels he has not had the backing of the Jockey Club on safety matters, something which has come to a head over his recommendation that Southwell's August services." Bank Holiday meeting should not have taken place.

"Despite my reservations the Jockey Club said that rac-ing should go ahead," ex-pained Turner. "I have told the Jockey Club I cannot en-dorse their action and I pro-Turner's concern. Michael Caulfield, secretary of the Jockeys' Association, is particularly anxious and commented: "We will be pose to stop working for them at the end of the year. "Why should I continue to

seeking assurances from the Jockey Club that their inadvance the cause of safety if structions are being adhered to and that the highest level of medical service is being ofthat's not what people want? Why should I bang my head against a brick wall — I think the sport and I have come to a parting of the road. Jockeys' fered to jockeys. lives are on the line, not the

stewards' or mine." The Southwell controversy centres on the use by the racecourse of a private ambulance company "Ambulink" rather than National Health ambulances.

Turner found that not all Ambulink paramedics are National Health-trained as stipulated and, therefore, reported the matter to the Jockey Club.

Southwell staged a meeting on August 16 with Ambulink in attendance, but were told they could not race on Bank Holiday Monday (August 26) unless National Health ambulances were operating.

Turner's complaint is that the Jockey Club allowed the meeting to take place purely the 1993 winner Vintage on an assurance from South-Crop is on 9st 21b. well that they would comply - without any inspection

"He has done much to im-prove standards and his role is clearly very demanding. In view of this his job description may need reviewing with discussion about whether it should be full time." Turner, who has been in

the job since October 1992 when Dr Rodney O'Donnell resigned, currently spends

lance star. "But for the last meeting on Bank Holiday Monday we did not use Ambulink and as de-manded by Dr Turner had National Health ambulances, as we will do next Monday two or three days a week at the Jockey Club. Whether he would relent if offered a full-time positioin must be doubtful as he is also medical advisor to the Lawn Tennis Association and has a

The Jockey Club has no re-cord of which courses use out-side ambulance services and private practice. He has not been above does not exercise any jurisreproach himself, however, diction as "it is up to the courses to abide by the Gen-eral Instructions on medical and some jockeys believe he does not make himself avail-able often enough to give indi-vidual advice, but rather that From now on this is an area

he sees his role principally as which needs to be closely monitored and what could be called the Jockey Club's laismaking and carrying out policy. sez-faire approach sums up

Last night the Jockey Club, seemingly nonplussed by Turner's actions, issued a "Discussions clarifying Dr Turner's position as chief medical officer are continuing."

Robert Whaley-Cohen added: "As the Racecourse Steward I believe totally that the safety of horse and rider takes preedence over every other factor and it is the sig-"Dr Turner's resignation

came as a shock; we had no idea he had encountered diffi-culties with the Jockey Club.

### Classic Cliche looks set to carry top weight in Melbourne Cup

with British entries in the Melbourne Cup to be run Ascot Gold Cup winner, top injured and unlikely to run weight of 9st 9lb, writes Chris Hawkins

again this season. Celeric (8st 9lb) is an-Neither has any mercy other doubtful runner, but been shown to Double Trig-Ian Balding is optmistic that Grey Shot, who is on ger, 17th in the race last year, who has 9st 6lb, while the same mark, will take his chance.

Dermot Weld has not But Simon Crisford, Goruled out a fourth run in the race for Vintage Crop, although he thinks for a 10dolphin racing manager, has not ruled out the possi-bility of Classic Cliche year-old his horse has been given "plenty of weight."

running. "He'll go for the Arc first At Pontefract this afterand then we'll decide noon Kristal's Paradise whether he goes to Mel-bourne or to Toronto for Bull Conditions Stakes the Breeders' Cup," said over two and

finals, last won a Grand Slam title here in 1994, but when she levelled yesterday few believed she would not progress. Hingis, seeded 16, immedi-ately lost her serve at the start of the third set, frequently throwing her head back in dis-

Hawks' Milhench appeals against ban for 'physical abuse' of referee

#### Vic Batcheider

match ban from the bench

Ice Hockey

THE Kingston Hawks' coach Keith Milhench is the subject of a disciplinary investigation but will appeal against an automatic two-

players during the game, two | claimed: "I didn't touch him. Hawks and three Cobras. Newcastle's Mike Bodnarchuk and Kingston's Mark | BIHA this morning." He said

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tion, said that verbal abuse alone constituted gross mis-conduct and carried a minimum two-match suspension. Another unhappy coach, John Lawless, saw his Man-chester Storm side outclassed

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Ron Muddle, chairman of Southwell, defended his position, commenting: "Our medical service is absolutely first class and I can assure you Dr David Layfield, our own medical officer, believes it to be so

HE Australian handicap- there is no incentive to go per has taken no chances unless we get sponsorship." unless we get sponsorship." Double Eclipse, Trigger's full-brother, has also been on November 5 and has given Classic Cliche, the entered, but is considered even more doubtful. He is

Hull Ice Arena on Sunday. 5-1 up. Then, after Markku Milhench, whose team lost Kyllonen scored to complete	the two-match "gross miscon- duct" penaity assessed by the referee. But there was absolutely no physical contact between us." However, the BIHA disci-	most of the players' perfor- mances; everyone has got to junk on this matter. We have	likely to run according to	half second to Celeric at York in July, which looks appreciably better form
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OHN HAMMOND, the French trainer successful in the Haydock Park Sprint Cup with Polar Falcon in 1991 and again last year with Cher- okee Rose, bids for a third vic- tory in the race this Saturday at the same terms. David Loder, trainer of Blue Duster, also has the July Cup runner-up Lucayan Prince in the race and a stable spokeswoman this	11         (05020) EN CANOOTS (2) A Newcostable 2-1         A Eddawy 9-M           12         000-020 CARREYVES CEROSCE (17) / Clarks 7-10         Chary 9 M           13         000-020 DERETHOLNE (46) GL Moore 7-10         A Eddawy 9-M           13         000-020 DERETHOLNE (46) GL Moore 7-10         A Hocketty (5) 7           70P FORM TEPS: EFficacious 8, EE Appel Moo 7, Eddawe Kine 6.         Betting 9-4 Ele Appe Mov, 7-2 Efficacious, 6-1 Ealmo Kos, 6-1 Dunconto Hall, 8-1 Sum Rocket, 10-1           Calcur Coursellor.         13 Reserve.         13 Reserve.           4, 30 RACE HULL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES 3YO Files 1m 1f 209yde C2,881         1         3 AFON AUMEN (17) S Williams 8-11           1         3 AFON AUMER (17) S Williams 8-11         To dates 1         To dates 1

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with Miesque's Son, one of 13 afternoon confirmed that declared at yesterday's five-day acceptance stage for the £100,000-added six furlong both are intended runners. The absence of Branston Abby is something of a sur-

prise, but she was found to be suffering from acute nasal discharge on Sunday night Miesque's Son is set to renew rivalry with the three and has had to be put on English horses who chased him home at Deauville last antibiotics.

Ladbrokes bet: 3-1 Lucayan time out when he came second to Anabaa in the Prince and Miesque's Son, 6-1 Hever Golf Rose, 7-1 Blue Duster and Danehill Dancer, Group One Prix Maurice de Neville Callaghan's Dane-9-1 Iktamal, 14-1 Catch The hill Dancer, only a head be-hind him in third, Iktamal, bling Bear, 16-1 Leap For Joy, five lengths fourth, and Blue | Royal Applause and Titus Li-

TOP FORM TIPS: Balance Of Power 8, Quality 7, Pride , Of Haying 6.

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### **14 SPORTS NEWS**



Alan Shearer adds to his goal collection PHOTOGRAPH: TONY MARSHALL

David Lacey sees England and the new coach take a potentially tricky opening. World Cup mission in their stride

# **Dpening pass mark for Hoddle**

T MIGHT have been bet ing from his immediate pre-ter but it could have been decessor Terry Venables England's third goal with a fenders and wing-backs and, thing to a wing-back at Hod ers a day off and then get out a lot, lot worse, and at least the England plane the long grass in Kishinev.

arrived home in one piece. On balance Glann Hoddle is entitled to feel satisfied with his first weekend's pracplained Alf Ramsey after one nondescript England perfor-mance in Greece. And in distical experience of life as seminating team information to the media Hoddle has al-Injuries had practically halved England's European Championship team and in ready acquired Ramsey's reti-cence but without giving

questioners the impression that they are indecently propone or two areas, internation-ally speaking, the side that played in Moldova on Sunday ositioning a dowager. Where the two part com-pany is in their choice of Eng-land captain. Alf picked Bobby Moore to be a leader on looked extremely raw. Yet England shook off enough early-season stiffness to begin their attempt to qualify for the 1998 World Cup with a comfortable 8-0 victory over a

the field. Hoddle has chosen Alan Shearer to lead the team on to the field. And safe though the latter choice nodest though far from inept Moldovan side. might be, it is a bit like giving the Agincourt address to a Hoddle, moreover, took some minor irritations in his

speak-your-weight machine. Still, Shearer led the line stride; a piece of routine tomfoolery from Paul Gascoigne and some Sunday-paper snipell enough in Kishinev and

"The ball was too soft and the grass was too long," com-ball was too soft and the grass was too long," com-ball was opening goal, however, was the best of the three. Paul Gascoigne's looping header two minutes later could not hide his obvious lack of match fitness. Since Gascoigne had played only one full first-team game for Rangers after an Achilles injury this was hardly sur-prising. No more surprising, in fact, than Saturday's haul-ing down of Paul Ince's pants as the players clamberad into as the players clambared into the press box during the Under-21 match to get out of

the rain. "It was a joke between play-ers," said Hoddle. "It was a trivial thing. We'll have a chat about it but it won't be anything heavier because it doesn't warrant it." England Under-21 and the

ther back three looked happy when being opened by neat, instinctive Moldovan passing. ment was that playing full-backs in this wide role was a negative move since it Hoddle thought the length of the grass in the Republican rai forwards in any one team. Hoddle responded by quoting Stadium had prevented Engthe example of Germany and the honours they have won land playing at a quicker tempo. "We wanted to get the ball into midfield quickly," be explained. There were times when people were available but the lads had to take an

backs such as Paul Breimer and Manny Kaitz over the past 20 years, the English game is still not breeding this entra touch to get the ball out and by then the spaces had been closed up." There was a little more to it. Gary Neville looked a natu-ral wing-back going forward and our build in two of Fine. type of player. Le Saux and either of the Neville brothers and contributed to two of Eng-land's goals, but defensively could be the answer, but Hoddie still does not have a budhe was unsure of his position-ing. Andy Hincheliffe, a left-back who takes a mean cor-ner, is simply keeping the ding Ziege or Sergi at his disposal. His immediate frustration ner, is simply ke is common to new England and managers. "T'd

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through the things that are fresh in my mind," he said. Instead he now has to sit on his hands before announcing stricted the number of natuthe squad for the World Cup match against Poland at Wembley on October 9, knowing that his initial plans will almost certainly suffer again using a similar system. His difficulty is that whereas the Germans have through injuries and with-drawals. So long as Shearer and Ince are not among them, all should be reasonably well Hoddle was asked if he found the prospect of taking England to Wembley for the first time at all daunting. "Not so long ago I was per-forming at Wembley myself," he replied. "so it's not quite as daunting as it might have been for a few people who have had the job and who hadn't played there for time

Ouch!

Premiership: Sheffield Wednesday 2, Leicester City 1

**Booth keeps up** perfect record

#### David Hopps

IFE will get no better than this for Sheffield Wednesday this sea-son. A hard-won victrials of last season. tory against Leicester City at Hillsborough last night left them five points clear in the Premiership which, in South Yorkshire at least, will suggest there is nowt as queer as footballing folk. The striker who will again take many of the plaudits is Richie Hum-phreys, who is rapidly becom-ing the surprise packet of the

Leicester's modest reputa-tion, coupled with Monday night kick-offs, left the ter-The season is barely a fortwho is not much older, is al-ready specialising in the spec-tacular. Bedded in during a pre-season tour of Holland, this south Yorkshire lad has scored in three of Wednes-day's four Premiership matches. Last night's effort, the first of the night after 24 the first of the night after 24 hands of Pressman. minutes, was a controlled run from half-way followed by a sumptuous chip from four yards outside the area as utes later. Claridge, all bone Leicester's central defender and bristle, had emphasized his knack for the spectacular Marshall, £300,000 from Ips-Julian Watts back-pedalled.

flushes of youth but Hum-| sion, the new crop was not phreys and his like have | averse to an occasionally given their manager David Pleat a necessary lift after the

more direct solution. It paid off as they took the lead again fter 50 minutes. In winning their first three matches Wednesday have dis-Nolan's long ball from the left was collected by Booth, a played a more vigorous edge compared to the anaemic col-£2.7 million summer signing from Huddersfield, whose

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national coach.

lection of elder statesmen use survived only on the final day of last season. "Most un-Pleat whose impression has been sound nevertheless. Booth sound nevertheless. Booth billity at centre-back bore their energy is undentiable. failure two seasons ago. The return of Hirst had en

midfield in which the red-headed Taylor and sbock-Humphreys' outstanding opener was matched by Clar-idge's equaliser three min-ourful contrast. Twenty minutes from time Leicester infroduced their new striker



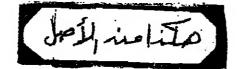
experience of Carlisle United and Britstol City, two examples of clubs who led the 20 yards after the ball was old First Division early in the season only to be relegated, has serves as a warning to Wednesday not to become over-excited at the first selves into ever-greater confu-

at Birmingham last se wich, but to no avail. 20 yards after the ball was played in from the left was much in keeping with that. Whereas the old Wednesday (Sheridan, 65 Watte (Parker, Lennon, Taylor might have weaved them-

Sheffield Wednesdays Pressman Atherton, Walker, Statanovic, Noia Whitingham, Collins, Bilinkar, Humphrey ins, Bilinker, Humphreyd in), Hinsi (Bright, 77), nter Cityy Kaller; Grayson. Price Lennon, Claridge, shail, 70), izze

Marksman's escape . . . Andy Booth, who scored the winner, loses Leicester defenders in another Wednesday attack last night

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-	blow adds to	Soccer	Colarado (70-68-507-6).	word a Southwird: Barbill a Holleham Tr		A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the former world
o turn down Lee	Spurs' woes		DOUBLE CENTURY ENGLISH	Chathara Ta v Whyseleste; Chipstead y Co- rindhian Casuais: Andover v Wimborne Ta. Gill VAUCHALL CONFERENCE (7.45):	Cricket	champion Julio Cesar Chavez
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	tenham's England striker.	Booth 51 17,857	Wade 14-13" K Hewas hi R Laws 19-4	Hayas; Halflax v Gatashead; Rushden & D'monds v Macciecfield; Slough v Bath;	by Surrey for their crucial County Championship match	they have defrauded the gov- ernment out of what has been
have no real desire to go for	has been ruled out for up to	GM VAUXMALL CONFERENCE Hedres ford 3, Northwich 0, Kidderminster 1, Ste-	Semi-finals: Anton bt Hawes 16-6; Anto-	Telford v Southport. UNISOND LEAGUE Premier Distaine	against Northamptonshire at	reported as about 10.5 million
the job and I have not been	three weeks, adding to an in-	lybridge 1; Stevenage 2, Welling 1. UNIBOND LEAGUE: Provider Divisions	ford-Hull bt Truran 14-8. Finab Ashtord- Hull bt Anton 14-12. Tripter: Second	Chorley v Berrow, Colwyn Bay v Baraber Bridge, Frickley v Boston Uld; Marine v	The Oval. He scored a Texaco	pesos (£930,009) in tax.
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ger, the Manchester "I am assistant and I	tomorrow night's Premier-	PONTINS LEAGUE Pressier Divisions Blackburn 1, Liverpool 0 AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION:	Edenside bt Marlow 30-16; Swindow	Droytsden; Greins v Netherfield; Gi Har-	Surrey's pursuit of the title	Nwankwo Kanu, the Nigerian striker signed by Internazion-
chairman Francis Lee   would like to remain as	ship match at Wimbledon.	AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First Division: C Palace 0, West Ham 0:	Westlocal of Heislon 20-7; Baldock of Bass, Alton 15-13; Messorial Pk, Laton of Lowestott Raliway 21-18; Norton, Stock-	wood Tn v Workington; Matteok Tn v Un- coin Unit; Stocksbridge PB v Curzon Asin- ton; Warrington Tn v Fibdor; Worksop Tb v	this season.	ale from Ajax, has been diag-
find tonight that his such. But the problem is	With Chris Armstrong still	Oxford Ust 4, QPR 0; Tottanham 2, Bristol	that ht Northlast 22.7 Back, Unsale ht	Eastwood In.	"He knew it was coming	nosed as having a heart prob-
d into a crisis. come in and I could be out	recovering from a damaged	C 1. WORLD CUP QUALIFIERSk Colombia 4.	Avanue, Learnington 25-5; Betredere, Peterborreugh bi Langtord 25-5; Harvis Pik, Cockarmonth bi Washinister Brack- ley 13-12; Numesian bi Southport 30-4;	ICLS LEAGUER First Division Majdeo- head Ltd y Chesham Utd: Marlow y Levion	and he told me it was a relief	lem that could end his career.
d into a crisis.   come in and I could be out er seeing so many big-   of work."	ankle, the 18-year-old Rory Allen may be given his debut	Chile 1; Argentina 1, Paraguey 1; Bolivia 0, Peru 0.	Pk, Cockermonth b: Westminster Brack-	Panant Second Divisions Bassing Alt	in a way," said Surrey's man- ager Dave Gilbert. "Browny	Motor Racing
managers ignore a If City win tonight, how-	at Selhurst Park.	TRANSFER Kevin McGowne, datender,	Televiev bi Subor 15-14: Paretum bi	had Uni v Cheshan Uni; Marton v Leyton Panant, Secred Divisione Bansisad Ah v Dorking; Barting v Bractmeil Tr; Chel- toni St. Peter v Wember; Cheshuni v Witham Tn; Hengi Hempstead v Edgetare	has written off this year as	Michael Andretti held off
rously baited hook, ever, Lee will be in a posi-	To add to Francis's prob-	St Johnstone to Kilmamock, tribunal.	Fosseway 20-11, Field Place, Worthing bi Needingworth 16-15; Dive bi Topshara		one of those nightmares every	Bobby Rahal to win the Mol-
as ready to gamble on tion to use of Hartford the	lems, the goalkeeper lan	Golf	24-10.	Wars; Lestherhead v Egham Tn; Met Police v Collier Row & Rossford; Windsor	cricketer has."	son Indy Vancouver Grand
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s assistant, whose spirits of us all" speech so agerial CV includes beloved of chairmen endur-	while with the England squad in Moldova and the mid-	66. 65, 66, 68; J Kelly 67, 65, 68, 64, 268 A	WORLD CUP: Sweden 5, Finland 2, Can-	HEV V NORTHWOOD.		successive IndyCar victory,
issals by Stockport ing sleepless nights. Hart-	fielder Darren Anderton, who	66. 65. 66. 62. J Kelly 67. 65. 68. 64. 256 A Magee 63. 70, 65. 63 S Shricker 68. 67. 62 67. J Parnovik (Swe) 65. 68. 63. 72 M Hense 62. 66. 67. 71. 267 O Browne 67. 67.	ada 9 Cimentin A	THE MANY THE I PARTY. C	A split decision gave Russell Coutis a semi-final win over	He moves up to second place in the championship series.
ty and Shrewsbury. ford cannot be ruled out.	missed the England game	Hennie 62, 66, 67, 71, 257 O Browne 67, 67, 69, 64; D Ogrin 69, 66, 66, 87, 256 F Funk	BIGHSON AND HEDGES CUP Ayr 6, Tel- ford 2, Bracktell 16, Medway 0, Cardin 6, Manchester 1; Guildford 2, Besingsloks	Cambridge C v Sublegation (7.45); Cambridge C v Sublegation (7.45); V Alberstore (7.45); Dorchester v Crawley	Britain's Chris Law on his	14 points behind Jimmy
t yesterday Hartford. Dave Watson, the Ever-	after straining a groin mus-	69. 64; D Ogrin 68. 66, 56, 57, 266 F Funk 69. 66, 67, 66, S Lowery 70, 64, 67, 67, D Weldon 65, 65, 70, 68, 269 J Maginnes 58.	Manchester 1; Guildford 2, Besingsloks 13; Kingston 1, Newcastle 6; Peterborough 2, Nottingham 12; Solihuii 3, Sheffield 7.	Th (7.45); Greeky Rvrs v Halesowen: Has-		Vasser with only next Sun-
prepared his players ton captain, needs surgery	cle, is also doubtful.	70, 68, 63; 8 Mayfair 67, 68, 70, 64; C Rose		Th (7.45); Graning Rins v Halanovan; Has- tings v Gravesend & R; Kings Lynn v Chekmetod (7.45); Marthyn v Sallabary; Nunealon v Baldock Tn, Winfand Div-	Cup of New York, his latest	day's race at Laguna Seca
onight's First Division   to repair a hernia and will the against Charlton   be out for five weeks.	The only bright spot for Francis yesterday was the	70, 68, 63, 8 Mayfair 67, 68, 70, 64, C Rose 70, 66, 67, 66, K Green 67, 69, 66, 67, W Austin 71, 65, 65, 68, 8 Andrada 65, 68, 67,	Motor Racing	Nanoalon v Baldock Tn. Histand Div-	triumph in the Grand Prix of	remaining.
tic at Maine Road, all Southampton's manager	arrival from Brondby of the	65; B Claar 66, 68, 68, 68; F Lickitter 68, 68, 64 69; S Appleby 89 68, 64, 70; B Ealas 64,	VANCOUVER INDYCAR RACE T, M An- drem (US) Lois Ford Cosworth; 2, 8 Rahai	blow Bilston Ta v ilcoston Ta; Granthum Ta v Shopshod Dynamo; Handley Ta v RG Warwick; Taraworth v Evesham Uid. Southers Divisions Cintianton Ta v Ge- encentor Ta; Falter S v Cartford; Margale v Tonbridge Angels: Newport I-o-W v Fleet. Tr; Trovoridge Ta v Clavedon Tr; Wastr- lovorite v Bashley; Weston-S-Mara v For-	Match Racing. He needs only to win the Bermuda Gold Cup	Basketball
joined the queue of Graeme Sourcess has com-	£1.65 million midfielder Allan	67, 67, 71.	(US) Reynard Mercedes-Benz; 3, C Fitti-	Warwick; Tenworth v Evesham Uld.	to pull off an unprecedented	The Sheffield Sharks looked
e determined not to pleted the signing of the		Tennis	Paidi (Br) Lola Ford Cosworth: 4. G de Ferran (Br) Reynard Honda; 5, A Unser Jr	encester In: Fisher \$5 v Cartiord; Margale	grand slam of the five events,	in excellent shape for the
eed Ball. Norway defender Klaus	mark in their 2-0 World Cup	US OPEN (New York): News Third rounds T Hereman (GB) bt T Martin (US) 5-2, 7-6,	Ferran (Br) Reynard Honda; 5, A Unser Jr (US) Penaka Marcades-Benz; 6, B Herta (US) Reynard Mercades-Benz; 7, J Vasser	Tr, Trowbridge Tn v Clevedon Tr; Water-	writes Bob Fisher.	fortbcoming season when
bave a contract as as- Int manager and I am for £400,000. He will make		d. 4 Parmith			Law lost the first race in the best-of-three semi-final in	they won the TopNoord Inter- national tournament at Gro
taking temporary his debut against Notting-	Wilkinson has failed to sten	Soster Fourier Found - 7-8, 7-8. Soster Fourier Found - 7-8, 7-8. Wessenz Fourier Found - Wind (US) bt L Deverport (US) 6-2, 3-6, 6-0, J Windster (Aut) bt R Grunde itij 8-0, 8-3. N Hingle	Lola Handa; 9, 5 Goudyeer (Can) Reynard Ford Cosworth; 10, R Gordon (US) Rey-	N-W COUNTIES LEAGUE First Div-	matched J-105s by only half	ningen. Their new American
ge until someone is ham Forest tomorrow		Devenport (US) 5-2, 3-5, 6-0, J Wiestner	nard Ford Cosworth.	below Atherton Col v Prescot; Bootle v Blackgool Rvnc Buracough v Penetiti;	the length of the foredeck,	wing Voise Winters scored 3
ight in," he said. "I night.	dal. Wilkinson said vester-	(SHIZ) DUA SERCHEZ VICETIO (SD) 6-1, 3-0,		Chaddenan v Kidegrove Alth; Eastwood Hanley v Rossandale Utd; Maine Rd v	then gave Coutts the hardest	points and the England nowe
	day: "We have been working	8-4; S Graf (Ger) X A Kournikova (Rus) 8-2, 8-1, Mixed doubles: Courter-Sector	Fixtures	Holter Old Boys; Nuntwich To y Trafford;	race and closest finish he is	forward Roger Huggins added
	away quietly over the past few days and were quite opti-	6-2, 6-1. Mixed doubles: Cuarter-Braze R McCulliss/D MacPherson (Aus) bi H Sukova/C Suk (Cz) 6-4, 7-6: M Bollegraf/	I LAUNI CO	FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERM	ever likely to have. Two	20 points and 20 rebounds in
	mistic, but I have been in-			Murton, Easington v FiTM Newcestle, Mor-	judges gave the win to Coutts and one to Law.	their 91-88 victory in the fina over Autodorozhnik Saratov,
Teamtalk	formed that he has decided to	(Fr/Aus) w/o; 1. Raymond/P Galbraith (US) bt C Vis/B Talbol (Neth/GA) G-4, 8-4.	(7.30 unless stated)	VERMAN CALVEST FIDERATION BERLINERY NORTHERE LEAGUES First Division Fed v Murian, Eastington v FiTM Networks (Koro- peth Ta v Seehan RS; S Ethields y Crock Ta; V Augitand v Cheeter Le Seroal, NORTHERER COUNTIES EAST LEAGUES	and one to haw.	Over Addition Oznicik Saratov.
	join another Spanish club. We	American Football	Soccer	NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE		
ne independent news and reports service	have found out, as I believe	NFLs Battmore 19. Oskland 14; Cerolina	NATIONWIDE LEAGUE First Distations	Premier Division: Armiterpe Wei v Brigg To; Belger To v Arnold To; Osesti Alb v	<b>Pools Forecast</b>	25 Chesterfield y Breatford y
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891 33 77+	these people can command quite considerable contracts."	Indenapolis 20, Arizona 13, Jacksonville 24, Pitsburgh 9, Minnesota 17, Detroit 13, St Louis 28, Carcianati 16; Washington 14,	GOCA-COLA CUP: First round, second legs Barnel v Ereter (7.45); Barnsley v	Thackley y Glasshoughton Wel. PONTISES LEAGUID Premier Divisions		
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ention 24 Man, United Of Tottenham Hot. 07	be without Eric Cantona, sus- pended for one game after	land & California 4. New York 0: Dakland	(7.45); Preston v Wigan (7.45); Rotherham v Darlington (7.45); Searborough v Hulk	leion: Casrphilly v Durwant (7.15); Ebbw Vale v Newbridge (7.0); Swanses v New- port (7.0); Treorchy v Bridgend (7.0).	FIRST DIVISION	a6 Chester V Liboola
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MICHAEL STEELE



# Illingworth takes stand for dignity

Mike Selvey on the | TCCB playing contracts by sounding off in the Daily Ex-England chairman's appeal before his peers at Lord's



lingworth's associa tion with international cricket will have ended. In what will be his final act as chairman of selectors he will announce the England and England A winter touring parties, then sever the ties and return to life in Farsley and Spain. Whether he will be allowed

to do so with any of the dignity that four decades of ser-vice to the game should have earned is another matter. Today, at Lord's, he goes be-fore the Cricket Council's four-man appeals committee, chaired by Judge Desmond Perrett, to contest the £2,000 fine levied on him by the distine levied on him by the dis-cipline committee of the Test and County Cricket Board in July after it deemed him guilty of bringing the game into disrepute by what was seen as the untimely publica-tion of his book, One-Man Committee

Committee. When the judgment came, Illingworth was stung. For a man from whom the utterance of the words "the drinks are on me" would cause not just a stampede of willing takers but of men in white coats, two grand hurt (not to mention his legal fees, which in his estimation were exorbitant). But that paled alongside the accusation that he had somehow brought the game of cricket, his lifeblood, into

disrepute. Illingworth believes strongly that the first hearing was tantamount to a kangaroo court. He had not even been informed of its location, being told merely to report to his lawyer's office at a speci-fied time, whence he would be taken to the hearing. He half-expected to be blindfolded and stuffed in the boot of a

Illingworth, it was said, had betrayed selectorial confidences, although everyone knew there was more to it he was not permitted even to

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press on his return from last winter's tour of South Africa, during which he felt he had been shabbily treated by Illingworth and the England coaching staff. At one point he strongly implied that Il-lingworth's antipathy was

racially motivated. At his own disciplinary hearing Malcolm, who by virtue of his contracts had committed more technical breaches than his chairman, was reprimanded but no more. Illingworth felt, not unreasonably, that he was en-

reasonably, that he was en-titled to answer what he regarded as Malcolm's slurs, and if the publication of the book ahead of schedule and the preceding newspaper extracts were opportunistic, in truth they were pretty

Illingworth is hoping that he will be able to call on wit-nesses today to put the record straight, in particular Peter Lever, whom Malcolm accused of trying to change his bowling action when the coach was really attempting no such thing. Lever, whose term as the bowling coach in the England set up is now over, is so incensed at the treatment Illingworth has

received that he has threatened to go public if the chairman is not now exonerated. Illingworth also has the powerful backing of Sir Lawrence Byford, the president of York-shire County Cricket Club and former Chief Constable of West Yorkshire.

For its part the discipline committee, under the chairmanship of Gerard Elias QC has overreacted. If a playe forbidden by contract to make public statements not only does so but also suggests without evidence to support it, that the chairman is a racist (an accusation lately withdrawn) and is then deemed not to have brought the game into disrepute. then a few pathetic details of voting at selection meetings hardly comes into the same

category. One hopes that sanity will prevail and Illingworth can then head into the sunset Kent are aware that with dignity intact, because the TCCB needs another dose

County Championship: Kent v Nottinghamshire Hooper takes icing off top form their miserable history. playing for another county." The club's Australian coach Hooper is contracted to Kent until the end of next season, having signed a threeyear deal covering 1994, 1996 and 1997. But he has, in effect, term future. I can't say anything else.

a get-out clause which allows him to renegotiate personal terms at the end of each sesterday, but the delight of season their supporters will be tem-Kent's cricket committee pered by rumours that they will meet to discuss the situaare about to lose Carl Hooper. tion this week but their secretheir richly gifted stroke-maker from Guyana.

tary Stuart Anderson said last night: "We will not be bounced into a hasty decision Hooper. 29, is the target by rumour and innuendo. We are discussing terms with Carl for next season but not

languid six over extra-cover off Bowen. The innings took him to 1,183 championship runs for Daryl Foster added: "He is currently renegotiating with the county to secure his longthe season at an average of 51 in addition to his catches and

26 wickets. Those who look Despite his rather ordinary Test record Hooper is recog-nised as one of the world's most talented cricketers, an attacking, classical righthanded batsmen, a nonchalantly effective off-spin bowler and an unusually athletic slip fielder. He has been an outstanding success for Kent, for whom he has played

for the symbolic may have found some meaning in the fact that he did not wear his Kent helmet yesterday, al-though his decision to put on

his West Indies headgear was to prepare for the interna-tional winter ahead. Nottinghamshire were bowled out for 242 in the last over before lunch, with Eal-ham taking five for 52. This

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**Rugby Union** 

# Premier plan for top clubs

Robert Armstrong

OP clubs in England, Wales and Scotland will shortly consider a plan to streamline Saturday matches by forming a British Premier League within two or three seasons. If radical proposals for the restructuring of domestic rugby, which have been put forward in a discussion document, prove acceptable to the clubs a British Cup may also be introduced, in addition to

made by the English and Welsh clubs to their respecthe existing national knock-out competitions. tive unions have been Support for a British Pre-mier League has grown steadily within the English sparked by persistent anxieties over income, which can be only partly resolved by Professional Rugby Union substantial hand-outs from Twickenham and the Welsh Clubs organisation (Epruc) and First Division Rugby Ltd (FDR), the company that rep-resents the commercial inter-ests of the leading Welsh Rugby Union. Irrespective of whether the clubs remain loyal to their unions - and the chances are that they will clubs. The Scots have also been consulted informally, - they know they can remain solvent only by bringing their but the Irish clubs, who have best resources, the top play-ers, together on the playing been kept in the picture, are thought unlikely to take part field. Television has been ma-

because of the growing exo-dus to England of their elite players. Initially the British Premier League would comprise six clubs each from England and Wales plus three from Scotland. They would play Following through . . . Carl Hooper plays a model off-drive at Tunbridge Wells yesterday on his way to 86 off 80 balls. But Kent, back on top of the table, are concerned that the West Indian may next be on his way to Durham TOM JENKINS one another twice a season, home and away, producing a total of 28 matches for each club. The separate national leagues in England, Wales and Scotland would continue but without the elite clubs, and would operate as a feeder system which would allow three clubs - one from each

the club competitions which are the game's lifeblood. Those investors who understand that the clubs must find a way to give themselves irresistible appeal to television regard a British Premier League as a major step in the right direction. Gloucester's coaching director Richard Hill has bowed to criticism from supporters and dropped his controversial

noeuvring to gain long-term control of international rugby

in Britain and Europe with

out necessarily making a gen-

uine commitment to promote

wealthy entrepreneurs, who have invested millions of pounds in the English and Welsh clubs in the past 12

months, are keen to enhance

the spectator appeal of profes-sional club rugby by setting up a league that would maxi-mise top-quality fixtures. They believe that television and sconcors will begin to in-

and sponsors will begin to in-

vest serious money in club

competitions only when they have eliminated dull, one-

sided matches. The threats of breakaways

country - to be promoted and relegated from the Pretwo-tier selection policy mier League at the end of which brought a record each season. league defeat, 75-19, at Harlequins on Saturday. The growing band of

# Motor Racing

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Prescot, that their progress would be carefully monitored. This season they struggled at the start but towards the end achieved some excellent

results and, with six vic-

tories, finished above Bar The RFL, meanwhile, is to hold an inquiry into the Stones Divisional Premiership semi-final between Keighley and Hull at



on a British examination by Stefan Edberg

HAS practised with him, learned from him and been inspired by him. Today Tim Hen-man must put the living ten-nis legend of Sweden's Lon-

which will bring him £300.000 in appearance money alone. Flushing Meadow is a special place, notably during the night sessions when the two huge scoreboards on the vertiginous main stadium don-based Stefan Edberg shine every bit as brightly as be pretty pumped up. This more in the quarter finals. Both Henman and Felgate is a frothing, heaving vat of graphite for a place in the resking humanity; it appears coach, rated the win even year-old Briton's occasional Swede. Henman stuck by Fel-

reversal was doubly sweet in Martin's own backyard. Hen-man winning 6-2. 7-6. 6-4. chances." These came at 5-4 in the second set, Martin had a After the British No 1 couple of set points but Henwalked off court John McEnman, previously struggling to roe, who is proving a splen-didly trenchant and amusing keep his concentration. slammed the door shut to becommentator for USA Net-work, rushed down to concome the first British player to reach the fourth round here since John Lloyd in 1984. Lloyd eventually lost to Jimmy Congratulate him with genuine warmth. "The British should

30 years old and the savonara tour fool you. Stefan is playing as well as I've ever seen him play in a few years, and I think he will come a little bit better equipped than I was."

The match is given extra spice because Britain's Tony Pickard, reunited with Ed-berg this year, tried desper-

show of aggression.

WHOLE theory can plausibly be erected on the basis of a single incident such as this, but there have been several other examples of Hill's flawed decision-making in the heat of battle, and Williams has clearly seen enough of them to reach the logical conclusion that, though he may be a firstclass test driver, he lacks a

quarter-finals of the US Open.	impossible for spectators to	higher than the first-round
As Henman put it: "The last	sit still here for more than a	Wimbledon victory over Rus-
thing you need to do is look at	minute. T-shirts are bought at	sia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the
the other end and think, 'I'm	whim, pizzas consumed irre-	French Open champion. "For
playing one of the greats.' I'll	spective of the state of play.	the first set and a half it was
just be concentrating on my	and in the middle of Hen-	the best tennis I've ever seen
own game and hopefully I can	man's third set against Mar-	Tim play."
play as well as I did on	tin thousands simply upped	Martin, it must be said, was
Sunday."	sticks and left; they are not	hampered by a heavily
His victory over Todd Mar-	interested in losers.	strapped elbow which cut his
tin that night also took him	Martin, ranked 13th in the	serving power considerably.
closer to becoming the first	world, had ended Henman's	Yet it was typical of his gener-
Briton to qualify for the	hopes of a Wimbledon semi-	ous spirit that the 6ft 6in Flor-
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in the first-round lapses of concentration. victory over Rus-When I do play my best tennis I'm a good player," said Henman. "It's the other times eny Kafelnikov, the en champion. "For that I'll let back the very top players. We know it's a probt and a half it was nnis I've ever seen lem; now we have to deal with t must be said, was

Edberg, 30, playing his last Grand Slam tournament before retirement. reached the fourth round with a comfortable 6-4, 7-6, 6-1 win over Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands. "Tim is going to go out

manager of men's tennis, and Pickard has not been slow to oice his criticism. Undoubtedly Edberg, champion here in 1991 and 1992. and twice winner of the Australian Open and Wimbledon, will be thoroughly fired up, though in the case of the laconic Swede this might appear a contradiction in terms. Henman hardly wears his emotions on his sleeve either: the public show of emotion late on Sunday night was a smile and a single gesture of pointed triumph towards Felgate.

gate, who is also the LTA's

One for you . . . Henman More US tennis, page 13 salutes his coach in victory

Schumacher allowing himself to be dragged into public explanations of his difficulty in co-ordinating the movements of the throttle and clutch pedals And then, for one reason or another. Hill's pit-stop routine went wrong, making him look foolish as he dodged in and out of the slip-road barriers like an advert for the Cones Hotline. Even when he found himself back in 13th place after that little misadventure, he

> had the opportunity to show what he can do in hot blood.

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player's sixth sense telling

them when to draw and when to hold. In this generation, Schumacher has it. By those

standards Hill is mortal, like

the rest of us. Then he made an indiffer-

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een doing that all season,

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learner driver. Try to imagine

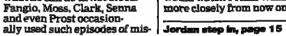
racer's edge and at 36 is un-likely to develop one now. Hill's financial demands are beside the point. They are not, in any case, excessive, No. Williams knows that next season, facing Schumacher and

Ferrari, his team will need every ounce of competitive advantage, and one way is to raise the level of internal competition by confronting Villeneuve with a new threat from

inside the team. If I were Hill, I would draw a line under the past four years. And if I were Villeneuve, I would watch Frank Williams more closely from now on.

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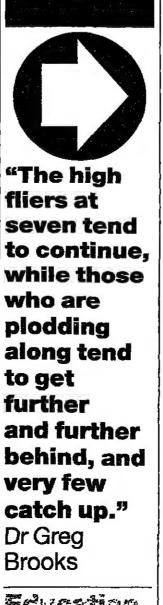
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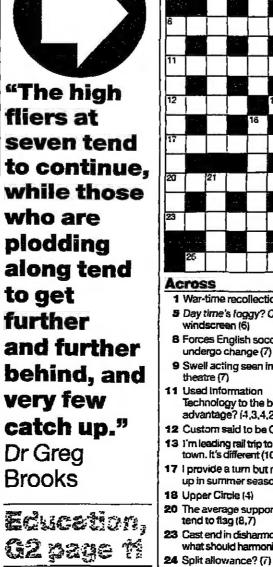
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